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editor's note



It's got potential. Whenever I see a fixer-upper house or a dilapidated piece of furniture,

I envision the endless possibilities. A few weeks ago I visited a Minneapolis store called Hunt & Gather where I found myself surrounded by two floors of funky collections of secondhand items—antique furniture and chandeliers, vintage postcards and cake stands, and much more. After two hours, I emerged with the most darling footstool—for use in my baby's nursery—and a vintage schnauzer card—because everything schnauzer reminds me of my adorable mini schnauzer, Sophie.

Grasping the possibilities is how field editor Shannon Quimby lives every day. She has a gift for seeing the potential in clients' homes. When homeowners halfway around the country reached out to her, she guided them through the design process of their dated Texas home. See the resulting master bath, “Suite and Low,” on *page 90*.

Don't feel bad if you get overwhelmed by all the options. We're here to help you make your home beautiful and functional. If you're in the market for a kitchen upgrade, check out “Weekend Projects” on *page 29* where we show you how to transform two shipping pallets into a fabulous kitchen island. If it drives you crazy that your bathroom is steam-filled after a shower, check out “Need to Know” on *page 34* where we break down all the details on bath ventilation.

Whether you're in the market for a quick upgrade or a complete overhaul, we've got inspiration to help you see the potential in your kitchen or bath.

Rachel

Rachel Haugo
Editor, *Kitchen + Bath Makeovers*™



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Shannon Quimby saw the potential in an abandoned dog on the photo shoot for “Suite and Low” (*page 90*). After flying him home with her, Eastwood is now living a happy life with Shannon in Oregon.

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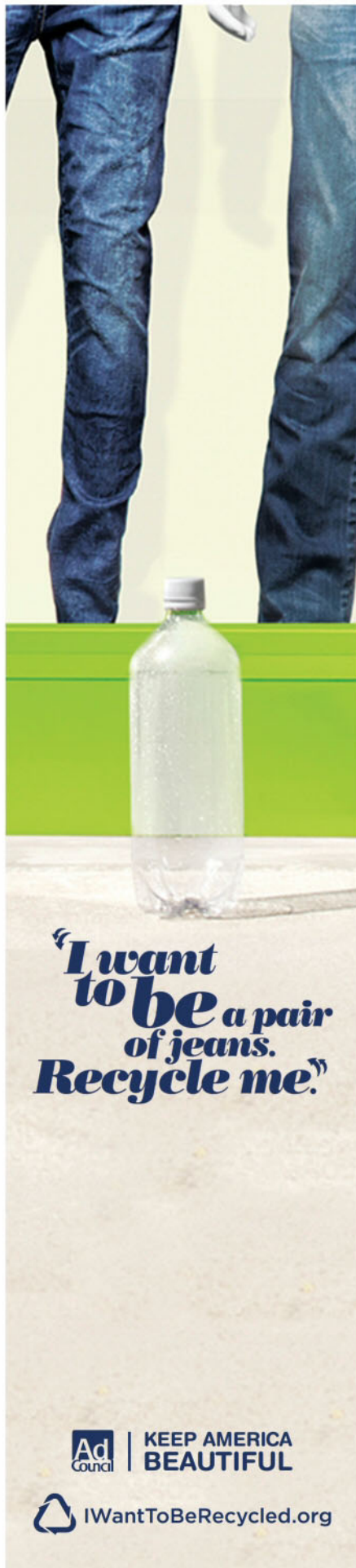
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weekend updates

Quickly upgrade your space with these budget-friendly ideas.

cheery view

No sewing required with this faux Roman shade. See how to make it at BHG.com/WindowTreatment, then pick the perfect fabric. Ours is Pure Petals in Greystone (\$42 per yard). Robert Allen available at JoAnn Fabric and Craft Stores; joann.com

fresh coat

A self-leveling paint in a semigloss finish freshens and protects your trim. We used Pro Classic Alkyd Interior Enamel, shown here in Griffin SW7026 (\$26 per quart). Sherwin-Williams; sherwin-williams.com

stick it

Gel-like Murano Verde Mosaic Tile Sheets (\$8 each) quickly peel and stick to liven up bare walls. Smart Tiles; thesmarttiles.com

quick curves

Upgrade to the elegantly profiled Saville Pull-Down Faucet with soap dispenser (\$200) from Delta. Available at Lowe's; lowes.com

off the shelf KITCHENS

Smart changes will elevate the style and function of your kitchen without requiring a time-consuming renovation.



Cut clutter and add character with these little updates—you only need a few minutes!

1. mixed metals

Give yourself license to thrill with both gold and silver in the Small Orbit Chandelier (\$218). Shades of Light; shadesoflight.com

2. paint it black

Chalkboard paint (\$10 per quart) lets you add a new touch of whimsy whenever the whim strikes. Rust-Oleum; rustoleum.com

3. stylish storage

For open shelving, start with the Ekby collection's Hemnes shelf (\$15) and Hall brackets (\$5), then accent with Svartsjön double hooks (\$3) for bonus space on a budget. IKEA; ikea.com

4. two-in-one

The Single Serve Grind and Brew Coffeemaker (\$100) will freshly grind and immediately brew single-serve coffee—up to two cups at once. Plus, you can use preground coffee and skip the grind cycle. Hamilton Beach; hamiltonbeach.com

5. get it together

Corral those cumbersome pots and pans with the pullout Lid Organizer (\$55) and the adjustable Pots and Pans Organizer (\$56). Hardware Resources; hardwareresources.com

6. chic switch

Retrofit your current switch with the style-forward Magnesium adorne Whisper Switch (\$12) and Titanium adorne Wall Plate (\$8). Legrand; legrand.us





off the shelf BATHS

Strike a balance between your bath wish list and must-do list with these smart and swift upgrades that you can tailor to fit your space.



1. pretty polite

Emma Jeffs Lace Window Film will add both privacy and style to bath windows while still allowing natural light. Available in standard and custom sizes; \$18-\$102; 2Jane; 2jane.com

2. protect and serve

Replace stained or mildewed caulk in the bath with a canister (\$4) of Simple Seal Kitchen & Bath—no caulk gun needed. DAP; dap.com

3. elevated enhancement

HydroRail R-arch Shower Column (\$380) transforms your standard wall-mount showerhead into a sleek, rainfall-style experience with the added benefit of a handheld shower—without altering your plumbing. Kohler; kohler.com



4. get a grip

New hardware is an easy but impactful change. Chateau Collection Reeded knobs, starting at \$7; Top Knobs; topknobs.com

5. swift surfacing

Messy and time-consuming wallpaper installation is in the past. Prepasted Sure Strip is easy to install *and* easy to remove when you're ready for a new look. Chunky Floral (\$152 per double roll); York Wallcoverings; yorkwall.com

6. frame up

Don't want to remove that giant, frameless mirror? Update it with the customizable frame that fits any size and space—even when the mirror is flush against the vanity top. Chelsea in Silver Streak, starting at approximately \$98; MirrorMate; mirrormate.com

Spend your time and money on practical bath projects that boost performance and style.



budget kitchen

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family matters

Twelve years after buying the perfect house with a not-so-perfect kitchen, DIYers create a stylish success story.

Go to
**BHG.com/
InstallHardware**
for video tips
that will make
installing cabinet
hardware a
breeze.



You can find anything on Google.

That's exactly what homeowners Todd and Diane Halbur said about updating their suburban kitchen. Surfing the Web for tips on sanding and painting cabinetry, refinishing countertops, and cutting and installing tile helped the amateur do-it-yourselfers, including sons Jack and Ben, achieve an elegant upgrade for their U-shape kitchen.

The Halburs worked with *Kitchen + Bath Makeovers™* to refresh what they called the “1990s country” style of their home. Hoping to go more contemporary—but not *too* contemporary, they were quick to caution—we focused on traditional colors and textures in modern applications. Although it seemed dark in the paint can, the sagey gray on the cabinetry is brightened by the kitchen's ample natural light and complemented by the cool gray walls.

With a sophisticated palette in mind, the dirty and dated white laminate countertops were not going to cut it. Although the Halburs dreamed of granite, they knew it would be a costly upgrade. Instead, they got the look of new countertops with a countertop refinishing kit applied in five steps. After reading reviews and application tips, they decided to order two

OPPOSITE: “I never thought painting cabinets would turn out so good,” homeowner Diane Halbur says. “They look like new!” The secret was in the preparation, including quality primer and sanding help from her sons. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Although Diane leaned toward a more bold, graphic floral fabric, the boys vetoed her in favor of a more subtle pattern.



Alternative Styles

Pulling a look together is easier than you think! Here are three other products that would also complement this elegant update.



A LOW-PROFILE FAUCET fits better under a cabinet or shelf and includes a pullout sprayer. K450; \$55; Lenova; lenovasinks.com



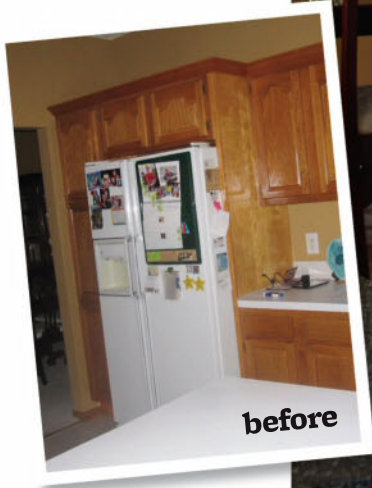
GLASS TILES are easier to care for than stone. 7993487; \$25 per square foot; Susan Jablon Mosaics; susanjablonmosaics.com



DARK FINISHES are prominent and lend a traditional note to a space. 504319; \$4; Lowe's; lowes.com

budget kitchen

RIGHT: Leftover tile was used for a partial backsplash near the fridge. **OPPOSITE TOP:** Sealing natural stone protects the porous material from stains and helps with maintenance. **OPPOSITE, BOTTOM LEFT:** Champagne-tone hardware is on-trend and complements the existing door hinges. **OPPOSITE, BOTTOM RIGHT:** Reviews suggested the speckled color variation lent a more authentic look to the countertop, so we chose the charcoal resurfacing kit.



Installing the abstract mosaic backsplash called for a tile cutter, which the Halburs rented from a local hardware store.

30-square-foot kits, instead of one 50-square-foot kit, because past experiences warned against running out of materials at a critical stage. Although intimidated by the project, their research made the speckled charcoal countertop one of the easiest and most impactful upgrades. “Everyone asks about it and can’t believe that it is just a coating,” Diane says.

To take the edge off the cool color choices, we picked a warm limestone mosaic for the backsplash: a traditional natural stone but in

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| Sink | 182 |

Surfaces

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| Primer | 80 |
| Tile | 351 |
| Tiling supplies | 60 |

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| Hardware | 120 |
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TOTAL **\$1,304**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



a geometric pattern. The effect adds texture without overwhelming the small room with a busy pattern—but installation almost overwhelmed the Halburs. The fractal pattern looked great but was hard to tame, requiring multiple cuts at the backsplash's edges and around outlets. The DIYers started the job cutting the tiles with nippers but ultimately rented a tile cutter for 24 hours. The right equipment made all the difference, and they were able to install the tile with much less frustration and much more precision.

After the trials and tribulations of tiling, the Halburs took in stride the flooded basement that resulted when replacing the sink, faucet, and garbage disposal. A new stainless-steel sink paired with a high-arc faucet takes advantage of the ample space at the large window.

“Our philosophy is, ‘How hard can it be?’ which sometimes works out for us—sometimes not,” Diane says. It was definitely hard, but the family agrees that it certainly did work out.

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smart shopping

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showered with style

Upgrading your fixtures will update tired design and create a more personalized shower experience. Here's what to ask yourself on your quest for the best way to start, end, or rejuvenate your day.

WHERE ARE YOUR FIXTURES INSTALLED?

The first question is the easiest but most important if you're replacing a fixture. The three common showerheads are wall-mount, ceiling-mount, and handheld. Showers can include one or more of these standard fixtures. **Wall-mount** fixtures connect into plumbing in the wall, while **ceiling-mount** models are plumbed into the ceiling.

Handheld showers are often attached to a rod or shower wall with a hose and clip, and they are available as accessories to bathtub fixtures, mounted directly on the tub or part of the tub's filler. Know exactly what you're replacing for a smooth transition.

WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF YOUR SHOWER?

Perhaps you use the shower to **energize and start your day**. Pick a shower fixture that will provide an invigorating water flow—a strong, wide spray that covers most of the body is perfect.

If you're showering to **blast away dirt and sweat**, like after a messy day's work or a hard workout, look for a smaller diameter and settings that can provide a continuous concentrated stream or an extra boost of water pressure. A handheld shower helps with this type of direct pressure because you can bring it closer to your body.

If your MO is to **unwind** after a long day, select a large-diameter rainfall-style model, which distributes water from above for a relaxing shower, or a multisetting showerhead that includes more soothing sprays like mist, pulse, or massage.

ABOVE LEFT: Gauge shower head with an LED display that shows water temperature and changes color to indicate warmth. Temp2O Showerhead; \$139; Delta; deltafaucet.com

Budget tip: You save on water and energy bills with WaterSense showerheads.

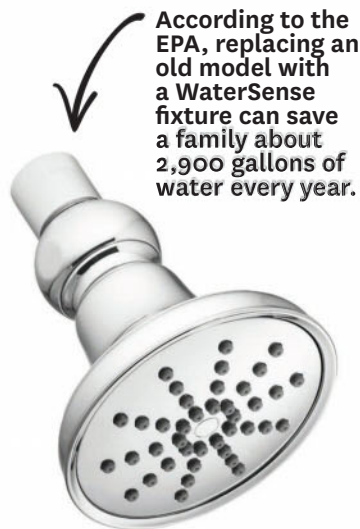
WHO'S SHOWERING?

When there are only **one or two dedicated users**, as in most master baths, it's easy to strike a balance with a single showerhead. For the best benefit of both parties, a multiple-setting model gives individual users a customizable experience. If there's a significant height difference between those sharing the space, consider a showerhead that can tilt to adjust to height.

Look for fixtures that can acclimate to growing **children and teenagers**, such as showerheads with multiple spray settings and heights. Some showerheads include temperature settings that prevent water from becoming too hot. There are even showerheads with timers that limit your teen's notoriously lengthy shower time.

The **elderly, disabled, and injured** benefit from the adaptable handheld showerhead. This fixture gives the user control over water direction and spray setting, ideal for gently bathing fragile skin and avoiding casts or medical incisions. Look for showerheads that easily transition between spray settings—ADA-compliant fixtures are a good place to start.

For a bath that caters to **frequent guests**, choose a simple showerhead. You don't want friends and family to be intimidated by an array of options.



According to the EPA, replacing an old model with a WaterSense fixture can save a family about 2,900 gallons of water every year.

MODEL: D460051

Danze; danze.com

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MODEL: 87385-PC

Brizo; brizo.com

COST: \$126

FEATURES:

- Wall or ceiling mount
- WaterSense rated
- Many coordinating faucets, fixtures, and accessories



MODEL: DSL-623

Waterpik; waterpik.com

COST: \$32

FEATURES:

- Anti-clog nozzles
- 6 spray options including mist and high-power settings



MODEL: 2600

Moen; moen.com

COST: \$61

FEATURES:

- 6 spray settings
- Handheld shower that magnetically connects to be a wall-mount model

brighten up, buttercup

Think yellow—sunny rays, earthy maize, or buttery glaze. From a bright accent to a bold anchor, yellow is a refreshing addition to the kitchen. Here you'll find two color palettes—plus lots of shopping ideas—to bring these looks to your life.



All aboard. If you've inherited a kitchen with more yellow than you prefer—and there's no budget to remodel—skew the look nautical with navy accents and golden touches. Or bring in complementary autumnal shades for a warm and welcoming feel.

Go for the gold with a dynamic kitchen island, *left*. Balance the bold shade with white perimeter cabinetry and understated stainless-steel appliances. Complement the confidence of the island finish with a playful tile pattern on the backsplash. For a more subdued look, select a single tile color or install the tile in a more traditional running bond pattern. Accessorize with dusty blues, autumnal shades, and metallic finishes.



MIX & MATCH Earthy shades of 3x6-inch glass subway tile (\$19 per square foot) in Driftwood and Peacock ground a colorful kitchen. Modwalls; modwalls.com



CLASS ACT

The Artisan Series 5-quart stand mixer (\$460) in Champagne Gold blends well with a vibrant color scheme. KitchenAid; kitchenaid.com

WORK OF ART

The Strata Multi Mixed Chevrons Prism Area Rug (\$168) harnesses the bold design of the wall tile and is an easy-to-update accessory. AllModern; allmodern.com

NATURAL ATTRACTION

Smokey Hue Blue Dinnerware (\$5-\$23 per piece) creates a soothing tablescape. Crate & Barrel; crateandbarrel.com



Decorating around yellow

Greet the day with these happy shades. Balance a sunny yellow with a creamy white and a calming blue.

Behr; behr.com





Sunny spot. Yellow accents revitalize a bland kitchen. Spice up an all-white design or dark espresso cabinets with a bold dose of yellow. Complement a daring dandelion shade with cool watery tones or smoky gray neutrals.

Energize a white kitchen with turquoise and yellow, *left*. A soft blue finish on the island introduces a secondary color. Watery blue accents partner well with white cabinetry and metallic elements. The saturated school-bus yellow stools surprise and delight. Bright canary accessories, such as rugs and dishware, provide an opportunity for more color—without a permanent commitment. Repeating the cool blue on the pendant shades brings a subtle dose of color to another fixture.

If you like yellow, but aren't ready to take the plunge and commit to anything permanent, use the bold color as an accessory.



FUN & FASHIONABLE This Young House Love Ikat Shade Pendant (\$99) is a crave-worthy centerpiece. Shades of Light; shadesoflight.com

Yellow as an accent

If you decorate with blues and grays in your home, add a pop of yellow to brighten up the space. Sherwin-Williams; sherwin-williams.com



WOOL YOU BE MINE The handcrafted wool Beatrix Rug (from \$53) with a traditional lattice pattern is both comfortable and cute. Birch Lane; birchlane.com



SITTING PRETTY The bright yellow finish on the Aeon Furniture Industrial Classics Galaxy Stool (\$202, set of two) is the perfect accent in a quiet palette. Wayfair; wayfair.com

CUP OF TEA Dress up your breakfast table with a chipper teapot in Sunflower (\$55). Fiesta Dinnerware; fiestafactorydirect.com



here's how

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undercabinet lights

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Before you start, read the instructions included with the light strip to understand what's needed (it may vary if you use a different product than the one we selected). Next, clear counters so you have an accessible work surface. Also remove items stored on the bottom shelf of your cabinet. Now you're ready to get to work. Follow along on the next page.

MATERIALS

- Undercounter lighting bar (We used the Utilitech 13-inch Plug-In Under Cabinet LED Light Bar.)
- Drill and bits
- Tape measure
- Screws
- Cord clips



Step 1

SIZE IT. Lights come in a variety of lengths; select one that fits comfortably in the space underneath your cabinet. Plan where you will run the cord so it is out of sight—try fitting it through the small gap between cabinets—when possible, and find an unobtrusive outlet to plug into, like behind the fridge.



Step 2

CLEAR THE ROUTE. Drill holes where needed to route cords between cabinets. Be sure the hole is large enough for the connector to pass through. We used a 1¼-inch bit, but yours may be different, so compare bit size to the plug of your product before drilling.



Step 3

MEASURE. Note the position of the light strip, placing it as close to the front of the cabinet as possible to conceal the fixture. Measure and mark the placement of the brackets. If the instructions don't have bracket measurements, evenly distribute them for maximum support.



Step 4

SECURE BRACKETS. Install the mounting clips, or brackets. Some clips are made with an adhesive backing, while others require a screw. Use screws measuring ½ inch or less in length to prevent the screw from breaking through into the cabinet.



Step 5

ADD LIGHTS. Mount the light onto the brackets. Ours simply popped into place.



Step 6

WRAP IT UP. Run connecting cord through holes and secure to light. Use clips to secure the cord out of sight. Make connections, and plug in.

bonus spaces

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ON-THE-DOOR RACK

Utilize towel bars to store linens. An over-the-door model, *above*, is simple to install. This method takes advantage of vertical space on the door, plus it reduces wrinkles. Towel bars, *opposite*, work for larger linens.



CONTAINED SPACES

Tired of losing toiletries in the back of your cabinet? Store them in bins. Twice a year, purge the bins, checking for duplicate items and expiration dates. Search online to see if your castoffs are recyclable.



LABEL MAKER

Corral like items and use labels to make it easier to find and replenish supplies. Look for premade tags at your local office supply store or make your own—download some for free at bhg.com/storage/labels.



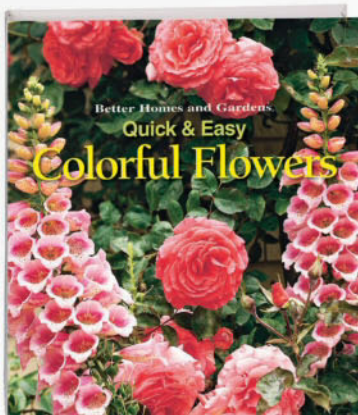
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A collage of various DIY home decor projects. On the left, a wooden pallet is repurposed as a wall-mounted display for large numbers: a green '3', a black '2', and a black '4'. Below the pallet is a green fabric with a white geometric pattern. At the bottom left is a green wooden peg rack with three pegs. On the right, a green cord is coiled and plugged into a black electrical outlet. Below the cord are two wooden knobs and a dark blue ceramic plate.

pack in style

Get a bold new look by reimagining everyday items like shipping pallets, house numbers, and vases.

weekend projects



FINIAL-TOP KITCHEN CANISTERS

Turn the glass vases gathering dust in your closet into elegant canisters worthy of display, *top right*. The tops use wood finials joined to routed-edge wood plaques and clock surfaces (buy them at crafts stores). To craft a lid, drill a pilot hole into the center top of your wood disk. Center a ¼-inch, four-prong T-nut over the hole and hammer in place. Screw in a #10 hanger bolt, then twist a predrilled finial onto the bolt and into place. For finials with tenon ends, simply drill a hole the size of the tenon into the disk, dab in wood glue, and insert finial. Paint to finish.

HANGING PENDANT LIGHT

Cast the island in a modern industrial light using a metal-wire lampshade frame suspended from a hanging pendant with a colorful cloth-covered cord, *top, far right*. First spray-paint the frame. To assemble, thread the pendant cord through the shade's center hole and secure the two using a nut and stem. Screw in an Edison-style filament bulb for retro flair. Consult a licensed electrician to hard-wire the pendants.

TEA TOWEL CAFÉ CURTAINS

No-sew curtains, *above right*, improve the view surrounding your kitchen sink. Clip curtain rings along the top edge of a pair of cloth tea towels (wash and iron them first), then hang from a tension rod.

PAINTED PEG RAIL

A wood rack with angled pegs, *above, far right*, creates a home base for cutting boards, aprons, and other food-prep items. Paint the rack to match a dominant color in your kitchen. We recommend a spray paint that includes paint-and-primer in one to save time.



SPONSORS

Rug Dash & Albert; dashandalbert.com. **Pendant light cord** HangoutLighting shop on Etsy; etsy.com. **Stools** Home Decorators Collection; homedecorators.com. **Countertop** IKEA; ikea.com. **Pendant shade frame** The Lamp Shop; lampshop.com. **Clock numbers** Lowe's; lowes.com. **Faucet** Moen; moen.com. **Tea towels** PrintingGrounds shop on Etsy; etsy.com. **Clock kit** Southeastern Clocks; southeasternclocks.com. **Pallets** Uline; uline.com. **Finials** Woodworks Ltd.; craftparts.com

weekend projects





We upgraded the clock kit with house numbers (\$6 each) painted to match the decor.

HOUSE NUMBER WALL CLOCK

Time for a change? Install a battery-powered clock ringed by house numbers, *opposite*. Assemble the clock by cutting a circle from paper to fit your space (ours is 42 inches in diameter) and tape to the wall. Trace around template in pencil and remove. At the circle's center, mark position of the clock mechanism. Position and tape the mounting templates provided with each number on the drawn circle in an hourly rotation. Check to ensure the minute arm will sweep over the numbers. Follow manufacturer's directions for mounting the numbers (we painted ours first). Install the clock mechanism according to directions. Erase pencil marks.

SHIPPING PALLET KITCHEN ISLAND

Deliver modern style with an island, *opposite*, assembled from a pair of 36×36-inch wood pallets, a sheet of 1-inch MDF, 1×3 and 1×6 poplar boards, a pair of 19-1/2×13-inch metal brackets, and a butcher-block countertop. Shop for 36×36-inch pallets online or at local pallet recyclers (some can cost as low as \$6 each). Check your home center for poplar craft boards, MDF, and brackets. Before you begin, prime and paint the pallets, brackets, boards, and MDF, and seal the butcher-block top. Construct the island using our how-to, *right*.

RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 106.

Assembling The Island



1. BUILD A MODESTY PANEL to run the center length of the island, between the pallets, by cutting two 1-inch MDF sheets (ours are 35×61¼ inches). Then, cut three pieces of 1×3 poplar to 35 inches long to use as cleats that will join the two MDF sheets. Position the first cleat at the center of one sheet and space remaining cleats 19 inches apart on either side. Adhere with wood glue; clamp. Next, cut four 6-inch-long pieces of poplar. Align two of the 6-inch poplar pieces along the right edge of the same sheet of MDF, positioning one 4¼ inches from the top, and the other 10½ inches from the bottom. Glue and clamp. Repeat for left side. Let dry.



Apply glue to the face of the attached poplar pieces; position remaining MDF sheet on top. Clamp and let dry.



2. FINISH PALLET. Cut two pieces of poplar sized to fill the gap in each pallet's top edge (visible in photo 3). Glue in place. When dry, drill holes through these boards where the island base and countertop will join.

Next, create the four hooks to connect the pallets to the modesty panel. From the 1×6 poplar boards, cut four 4- and 5-inch pieces of poplar for a total of eight pieces. Align and glue one 4- and 5-inch piece together, like a hook, as shown in photo 2. Repeat for a total of four hooks. Center two hooks on the inside of each pallet, positioned so they would slide into the side slots of the modesty panel. Glue and let dry.



3. ATTACH MODESTY PANEL. Slip pallet ends into the modesty panel using the hook-and-slot construction.

4. PLACE COUNTERTOP on island base. Use the predrilled holes in each pallet's top edge to screw up through the palette and into the top with 1½-inch screws. Then, install the metal brackets at the center of the modesty panel.

need to know

WRITER MARA BOO



exhausting the options

Poor ventilation can result in mold and mildew. Check out these tips to keep your bathroom cool and dry so you don't have to sweat it.

ARE EXHAUST VENTILATION FANS REALLY NECESSARY?

"They're an absolute must," says Chicago HVAC professional Frank Cox, noting exhaust fans remove moisture from your bathroom (no more foggy mirrors!) and help prevent the growth of mold and mildew. "You need to get rid of that humidity, otherwise it'll damage your drywall and make your paint flake," says Quint Yarber, an Indiana HVAC expert.

BUY THE RIGHT FAN

The most important factor to consider is cubic feet per minute (CFM). CFMs measure airflow; the larger your bathroom, the higher the CFM you will need. "Your CFM requirements will depend on your bathroom's square footage and ceiling height," Yarber says. "Know those numbers before you shop, then check them against the CFM printed on the fan's box."

The Home Ventilating Institute recommends the fan system be able to exhaust the volume of the room eight times in one hour. Here's how to determine the ideal CFM for your bath.

1 Calculate the volume of the room in cubic feet. $Length \times Width \times Height = Volume$

2 Multiply the volume found in step 1 by 8. $Volume \times 8 = Total\ exhaust\ in\ one\ hour$

3 Divide the answer in step 2 by 60 (the number of minutes in an hour). $Total\ exhaust / 60 = Desired\ CFM\ for\ your\ bath$



EVEN IN POWDER ROOMS?

Yes. Even though powder rooms aren't associated with high moisture, they still generate odors and benefit from a ventilation fan.



DewStop's Adjustable Fan Timer (\$40) lets you set an hourly timer to run your fan automatically. dewstop.com

Can I install it myself or should I call a pro?

"If you have a lot of electrical experience, you can probably handle the job on your own," Cox says. "But if not, you should definitely hire someone. A handyman who's experienced with electricity—as well as cutting holes into drywall—is a good choice."

Sones refer to noise level. The lower the rating number, the quieter the fan. Fans rated .5 to 1.2 sones are exceptionally quiet; higher than 4.0 is quite noisy.

FEATURES TO FIND



SOUND

Sound Investment

Broan's Ventilation Fan with Sensonic Stereo Speakers (\$384) is Bluetooth-ready for streaming from your own device. broan.com



STYLE

Double Duty

Combine form and function with ventilation that's also a decorative ceiling light. 7105-04-L; \$89; Lowe's; lowes.com



RECESSED

Hidden Gem

The WhisperRecessed LED (\$325) looks like a simple recessed light but conceals strong, quiet ventilation. Panasonic; panasonic.com



SENSOR

Smart Sensors

This Delta Breez 80 CFM Energy Star Exhaust Bathroom Fan (\$149) includes a sensor that automatically adjusts fan speed according to humidity. Wayfair; wayfair.com

DOING IT RIGHT

Ventilation fans should connect to ducts that channel exhaust outside your home. Venting between joists in the ceiling or into an unheated attic simply directs moisture to where it can continue to harm your house.

budget bath

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fresh prints

The *Kitchen + Bath Makeovers*™ team rethinks a dreary bath by mixing color and patterns in a small space.

RIGHT: On a mission to update this dated guest bath, the *Kitchen + Bath Makeovers* team focused on smart surface upgrades that worked with homeowner Dave Reinders' lifestyle. The vinyl flooring that inspired the look is budget-friendly and comfortable, providing more cushion than tile. Plus, it wears well.



The carpet was first. Among the many neutral surfaces in Dave Reinders' guest bath, the carpet grabbed your attention right away. Then it was the blank walls, untouched trim, and builder-grade lighting, mirror, and vanity. The 8×7-foot space wasn't welcoming to guests, or to Dave and his two Westies, Kirby and Cooper.

Our goal was to update the space by using functional but fashion-forward products that would achieve a masculine look. Luxury sheet vinyl flooring was the first pick. It's a budget-friendly material that's easy to install—and even easier to clean, perfect with pets in the home. The tweed-inspired pattern is not only a contemporary flooring choice, but it also hides dirt and pet hair.

Wallpaper in a fine but large-scale pattern quietly contrasts with the flooring while adding interest to the vanity wall. Its tone-on-tone colorway prevents the pattern from overwhelming the room. Wallpaper was a safe choice for the small bath because it is infrequently used for showering, so humidity levels are low.

The wallpaper solidified the neutral palette, inspiring a warm tone for the paint on the other walls. The color was applied in Benjamin Moore's Aura Bath & Spa line, a paint mix intended to resist mildew.

ABOVE RIGHT: Although we considered replacing the vanity, it was the right size and in good shape. In a cost-effective move, we painted the existing unit and installed new hardware.



Alternative Styles

Pulling a look together is easier than you think. These three product picks would also complement this tailored style.



A FRAMELESS MIRROR won't overpower a smaller wall. Gatco Tiara Mirror; \$84; Wayfair; [wayfair.com](https://www.wayfair.com)



WOOD-LOOK VINYL flooring looks like the real thing but wears better in a bath. Aged Barnwood in Fumed; \$1.49–\$5.99 per square foot; Tarkett; [tarkettna.com](https://www.tarkettna.com)



A BAR LIGHT above the mirror can add curves to soften the space. Darcy in etched glass; \$100; Lamps Plus; [lampsplus.com](https://www.lampsplus.com)

budget bath



With the palette in place on the major surfaces, we turned to the vanity to add a much-appreciated pop of color. A new granite countertop incorporated the room's neutrals. For the base, deep blue cools the warm neutrals and continues the masculine feel of the space. Black knobs and pulls tailor the vanity with a modern dark-on-dark twist. A thick espresso color on the mirror's frame carries the saturated color above the vanity. Removing the oversize existing mirror allowed rewiring for sconces on each side of the mirror, providing better lighting and more style.

The patterned shower curtain accents the vanity color, finishing off the fresh and functional space that gets approval from guests and dogs alike.

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ABOVE, FAR LEFT: The vanity top's ogee edge gives a high-end look to an off-the-shelf product. **ABOVE LEFT:** Sconces replaced the original bar light above the mirror for better lighting and updated style. **FAR LEFT:** This versatile shelf provides a ledge, towel bar, and hooks. **LEFT:** We chose luxury sheet vinyl over planks because it would be quick and easy to install within the bath's basic footprint.

SPONSORS

Flooring Armstrong; armstrong.com. World Floor Covering Association; wfca.org. **Paint** Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. **Lighting, vanity top** Home Depot; homedepot.com. **Bath stool** HomeGoods; homegoods.com. **Hardware, mirror, shelf, towel holder** IKEA; ikea.com. **Faucet** Pfister; pfisterfaucets.com. **Shower curtain** Wayfair; wayfair.com. **Wallpaper** York Wallcoverings; yorkwall.com.

budget

Plumbing

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| Faucet | 88 |
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Surfaces

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| Countertop | 198 |
| Flooring | 62 |
| Paint | 168 |
| Wallpaper | 140 |

Miscellaneous

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| Hardware | 34 |
| Mirror | 45 |
| Sconces | 56 |
| Shelf | 25 |
| Shower curtain | 58 |
| Towel ring | 8 |

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| Total | \$882 |
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WRITER MEGAN BOETTCHER

domestic goods

Pack some personality into a plain kitchen with a touch of vintage sweetness and a dash of industrial charm. We found a few products to jump-start your eclectic look.



LOVELY



\$50

GOT A LIGHT? The Damen Pendant Light's antiqued exterior finishes give this industrial fixture an aged appearance. An extra-long cord offers the flexibility to install at any height. Crate & Barrel; crateandbarrel.com



\$155

SMALL DELIGHT Think you don't have space for an island? Think again! The Catskill Microwave Cart is a darling addition with open storage and a butcher-block top. Wayfair; wayfair.com



\$50

HEAD OF THE CLASS You'll make the grade with this Heavy Duty Padded Stool. Designed for school science labs, this stool is comfortable, durable, and a great conversation piece. SCHOOLSin; schoolsins.com

LUXURY



\$129

BRIGHT IDEA The Clear Glass Pan Industrial Pendant pairs its glass shade with one of three metal options (shown in satin nickel). A switch allows you to control the light at its source. Shades of Light; shadesoflight.com



\$300

SMART STORAGE The Crosley Kitchen Cart features an adjustable center shelf to accommodate your storage needs, and the stainless-steel top offers a durable work surface. Bed Bath & Beyond; bedbathandbeyond.com



\$234

ART CLASS HERO Made of welded steel, the Backed Utility Stool is an American-made product that harkens back to yesteryear. Choose from four colors (shown in Sergeant). Schoolhouse Electric; schoolhouseelectric.com

lessons learned

WRITER EMILY HECKER

best of blogland

Check out these bloggers' inspiring kitchen and bath projects—then visit the blogs to see how they did it!



Bower Power
bowerpowerblog.com



Fresh paint and updated tile bring comfortable style.

Katie Bower chose Benjamin Moore's Simply White when painting her kitchen cabinets, *left*. She'd always loved white kitchens and wanted to give the room a clean, spacious feel. Changing an upper cabinet to install an over-the-range hood added some much-needed functionality. Katie took advantage of wasted space, including adding open shelves on the tiled wall next to the sink, *below*. Her blog includes a step-by-step description of this sometimes intimidating project. See all the details at bowerpowerblog.com.

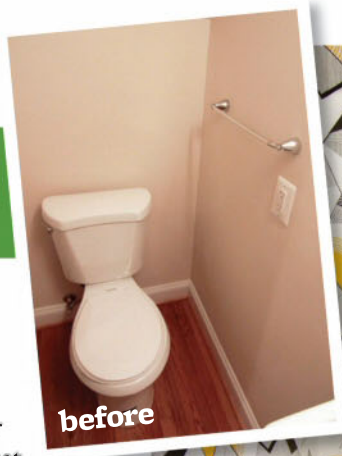


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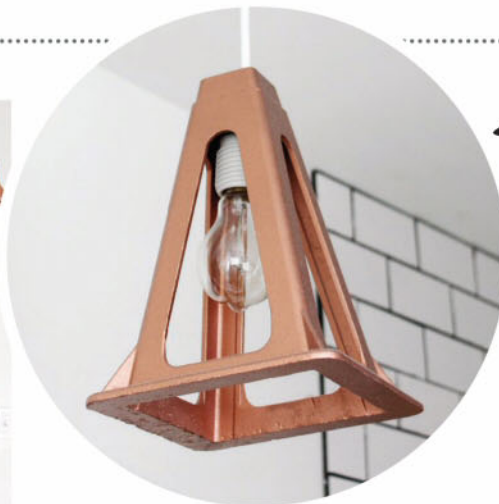
Bold wallpaper brightens a small, windowless bath.

Chloe Joy Whiteaker chose MissPrint's Mountains Wallpaper when decorating her powder room, *right*. The large pattern repeat and light colors keep the space from looking busy. "Choose a wallpaper you can't stop thinking about," Chloe Joy says. "If you find yourself coming back to the same pattern, that's probably the one for you." Tackling the wallpaper project herself allowed Chloe Joy to splurge on a professional to finish the home's wood floors—a project she wasn't comfortable doing herself. Find the powder room details and other do-it-yourself upgrades at littlehousebigcity.com.



The White Buffalo Styling Co.

thewhitebuffalostylingco.com



A pendant light kit and Krylon's Copper Metallic Spray Paint turned a \$5 trailer jack into industrial lighting.

White walls let rustic details stand out.

Lindsay Jackman and her husband wanted a fresh, calming bath with their signature do-it-yourself touches. Making their own worktable-inspired vanity from reclaimed lumber, *left*, allowed them to customize the size. Plus, it let them splurge on the slate floor they were dreaming of. A thrift store wood-frame mirror painted with Rust-Oleum's Gloss Navy adds a pop of color to the space. "I really believe in waiting to find the right pieces, even if it takes a while. You'll love it more in the end," Lindsay says. Check out the bath and its trailer jack lighting project at thewhitebuffalostylingco.com.

fresh waters

Starting anew after a devastating flood, homeowners create the kitchen of their dreams.

WRITER LINDA EGGERS

PHOTOGRAPHER ANTHONY-MASTERSON

FIELD EDITOR ANNA FORKUM





Room size 132 sq ft

Budget \$24,352

Why we love it

The salvaged coffered ceiling adds stunning architectural charm.

Once hard-hit by floodwater, Eddie and Kelley Clemons' Nashville kitchen now sports a bright and sunny disposition. "The only labor we hired out was the flooring and countertop installation, and the cabinet construction," Eddie says.



when the water receded

and the damage was assessed from a “once-in-a-hundred-year” flood, Eddie and Kelley Clemons discovered watermarks 38 inches high inside their 65-year-old Nashville home.

Thanks to Eddie’s electrical contracting experience and neighbor Anna Forkum’s interior design skills, a new kitchen came together on a carefully constructed budget and extended time frame.

“Flood insurance claims were restrictive, so we had to do the work ourselves and in stages,” Eddie says. “But family helped with demolition, and I had a network of friends in the construction business who offered advice. We kept the existing layout, as moving plumbing would have been expensive. Anna designed the cabinetry layout and recommended all the products and materials.”

The interior designer specified clean-lined cabinetry painted pale gray and white quartz-surfacing countertops on the kitchen’s perimeter, a medium gray for the island’s cabinetry and countertops, and matte-glass tile with subtle color variations for the backsplash. She chose a brushed-nickel faucet and stainless-steel appliances, tucking the freestanding refrigerator into a niche next to the ovens to give it the feel of a

built-in. The biggest changes involved a redesign of the original triangular island into a two-level rectangle—improving traffic flow and allowing them to use their favorite barstools, rescued from the flood—and repurposing the adjacent den, which had once been a garage, into a dining area.

Experts in mold abatement treated the walls, and a cadre of family and friends painted them and the coffered ceiling. A neighbor installed the flooring, laying the ash planks in the kitchen’s work area perpendicular to those in the dining area after they learned solid hardwood planks should run perpendicular across floor joists to avoid sagging. The Clemonses like the suggestion of two different but joined areas.

“The renovation took time and wasn’t without headaches,” Eddie says, “but instead of being in two different rooms, family and friends are now all together, at the bar near where we’re cooking and circulating in the dining area. We love the friendliness of the new space.”

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THIS PHOTO: Cabinets stretch to the coffered ceiling to maximize storage.
OPPOSITE LEFT: A brushed-nickel faucet pairs nicely with a stainless-steel sink, undermounted in quartz-surfacing countertops.
OPPOSITE RIGHT: Designer Anna Forkum chose a cabinet-depth refrigerator for the end of the cabinet run.

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Appliances

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|--------------------|-------|
| Cooktop | 850 |
| Dishwasher | 575 |
| Microwave oven | 380 |
| Refrigerator | 1,800 |
| Ventilation system | 540 |
| Wall oven | 1,450 |

Cabinetry

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| Cabinets | 12,000 |
| Hardware | 620 |

Plumbing

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| Faucet | 365 |
| Sink | 300 |

Surfaces

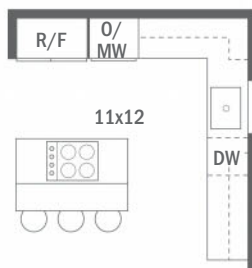
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| Backsplash | 600 |
| Countertop | 3,382 |
| Flooring | 850 |
| Paint | 100 |

Miscellaneous

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| Light fixtures | 540 |
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Total **\$24,352**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Converting a triangular island into a rectangle improves the new kitchen's traffic flow, and turning an adjacent den—and former garage—into a dining area open to the kitchen gives it a family-friendly vibe.



OPPOSITE: To assure the compact kitchen kept an open feel, the Clemonses invested in a pop-up ventilation system integrated into the island countertop behind the cooktop, instead of a vent hood. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Pullout shelves eliminate the need to reach into the undercounter cabinets. **ABOVE, FAR RIGHT:** Teardrop pendant fixtures provide plenty of lighting for island tasks. **RIGHT:** Matte-glass mosaic tile in a blend of neutral colors forms the kitchen's backsplash. **FAR RIGHT:** Slender geometric pulls complement the understated cabinet design. "They were the perfect finishing touch," Eddie says.



Room size 112 sq ft

Budget \$27,948

Why we love it
Pullout cabinet storage adds an unexpected surprise.





color punch

Dressed in coral and green, this once understated kitchen is over-the-top classy and cute.

WRITER AND FIELD EDITOR SHANNON QUIMBY
PHOTOGRAPHER LAURIE BLACK

Removing the wall between the kitchen and dining room immediately changed the energy of the whole space. "The amount of light makes everything feel cheery," says homeowner Linda Barkus. "I just want to hang out in the kitchen all the time."



THIS PHOTO:

Frameless Eurostyle poplar cabinets give Linda the clean lines she wanted. **OPPOSITE TOP:** The sleek design of the stainless-steel faucet blends beauty and function with its handy pullout arm. Open shelving puts an awkward corner to use. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** A dual-fuel range offers all the benefits of a gas cooktop with the speed of a convection oven.

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it needed some work.

Linda Barkus' former kitchen in her 1947 Portland, Oregon, home was warped, chipped, cracked, and isolated. Parts of the ceramic tile countertops were missing, and grout was constantly falling out. "I was afraid to put food on the counter, it was so gross," Linda says. The vinyl floors were warped due to moisture and poor installation, and a wall between the kitchen and the rest of the house separated Linda from family and friends when they came over for dinner. After 18 years of scrubbing countertops that never came clean and cooking in cramped quarters, she had had enough of the dated kitchen.

"I found architect Michael Howells through a story in our local newspaper," Linda says. "He'd remodeled several kitchens of similar vintage to mine." She was tired of the dingy white decor and was thrilled when Howells suggested green cabinets and coral ceramic backsplash tile. "My dream kitchen needed to be peaceful, yet cheery," Linda says. "I love the color selection."

Smooth quartz-surfacing countertops replaced old ceramic tile. Outdated white appliances were upgraded with modern versions including a stainless-steel slide-in dual-fuel range, dishwasher, refrigerator, and microwave. To visually expand the tiny footprint, new oak flooring was integrated with the original flooring in the rest of the house.

Size and purpose were top priorities in the cabinetry selection. Cabinets reach to the ceiling, and sliding shelves and clever wire corner units in the base cabinets mean no wasted space. Some are open or have glass doors to display pottery and books.

After three months of remodeling, Linda's dream kitchen became a reality with a happy surprise. "I can't believe how much I love to clean my kitchen," Linda says. "It's got cottage charisma, and I love it."

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↙ **Southfield Green
(HC-129)**
Benjamin Moore



budget

Appliances

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Dishwasher | 525 |
| Microwave/hood | 400 |
| Range | 1,750 |
| Refrigerator | 1,200 |

Cabinetry

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Cabinets | 12,000 |
| Hardware | 500 |

Plumbing

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Faucet | 495 |
| Sink | 585 |

Surfaces

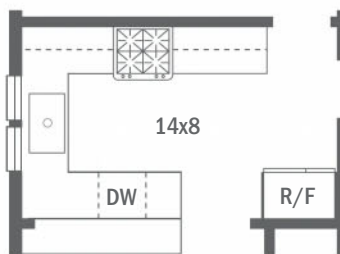
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| Backsplash tile | 1,636 |
| Countertop | 4,560 |
| Flooring | 2,497 |
| Paint | 300 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Light fixtures | 1,500 |
|----------------|-------|

Total **\$27,948**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Relocating the refrigerator allowed a wide opening between the kitchen and the adjacent dining room, making the kitchen feel bigger without changing the footprint.



OPPOSITE: The 6x6-inch ceramic tiles are installed in a running bond pattern, wrapping around three sides of the kitchen. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Tucked in the corner, the stainless-steel French door refrigerator is still within easy access of the sink and range. **ABOVE, FAR RIGHT:** A pullout cabinet door reveals two recycling bins that can be easily transported outside. **RIGHT:** Multiple drawers make it simple to reach items behind a cabinet door. **FAR RIGHT:** A foldout stacked wire shelving unit means no wasted corner space in this efficient kitchen.



found treasures

DIYers fashion a fetching kitchen in their historical farmhouse using economical materials.

WRITER ANN WILSON

PHOTOGRAPHER BRIE WILLIAMS

FIELD EDITOR ANDREA CAUGHEY

Rie and David Sterling's new farmhouse kitchen appears centuries old, thanks to its unfitted design, mix of cabinet finishes and countertop materials, and an old buffet turned island.



Room size 260 sq ft

Budget \$11,902

Why we love it

Mix-and-match
cabinetry embodies
the home's charm.



whether it's a special occasion

or an everyday kind of day, Rie and David Sterling's rehabbed farmhouse in Apex, North Carolina, buzzes with activity. The couple, their six kids, and all their friends

gather in the kitchen, a social hub that Rie and David designed around posh English cabinets they found on Craigslist.

These congenial assemblies are just what the homeowners envisioned as they gutted and rebuilt interiors to suit the home's late-1800s origin, their open-plan living preferences, and their cost-saving inclinations. The couple tore down walls to create a great-room that placed the new kitchen at the rear of the home, which allowed for windows on two walls.

"We wanted a big kitchen that was full of light," Rie says. "We wanted the kitchen to look historic, like our farmhouse, so we put in beaded board, covered ceilings in rough pine boards, and used salvaged doors." The couple sketched the kitchen layout around Smallbone cabinets and sinks, including base cabinets, two armoires, and farmhouse and prep sinks.

"The beauty of an English country kitchen is that it's made up of free-floating pieces, similar to furniture," Rie says. "We

kept the stained cabinets as they were, but repainted the painted pieces a creamy white for a simple look."

The creamy-hued paint, which also brings a buffet-turned-island into the scheme, warmly balances the crisper white-painted finishes appearing on walls, ceilings, and trim. White tones repeat in the kitchen as Carrara marble countertops and in the dining area as fabrics and finishes.

"I used shades of white to create a sense of brightness," Rie says. "Because the cabinets are Old World, I brought in industrial touches like the pendant lights, the galvanized stools, and chrome pulls for a more modern feel." A stainless-steel range, glass-door refrigerator, and rolling shelves give the countrified kitchen a fashion-forward lift.

"The kitchen works for how we live and entertain, both of which we do very casually," Rie says. "I don't think there's a thing we'd do differently!"

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THIS PHOTO: A small sink enhances the designated beverage station outside the main work core. Rolling-style iron hardware supports shallow shelves that amplify storage capacity and add period patina. **OPPOSITE:** The Smallbone pantry was one of Rie's painting projects. "I distressed the paint finishes because I figured they would be distressed from use soon enough," she says.



When installing
a chandelier,
consider adding
a dimmer
switch to create
ambient dining
room light.



budget

Appliances

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Range | 200 |
| Refrigerator | 1,500 |

Cabinetry

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Cabinets and sink | 5,000 |
| Hardware | 42 |
| Island | 450 |

Plumbing

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Faucets | 200 |
|---------|-----|

Surfaces

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Countertops | 2,000 |
| Flooring | 500 |
| Paint | 60 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Light fixtures | 150 |
| Rolling shelves | 300 |
| Windows | 1,500 |

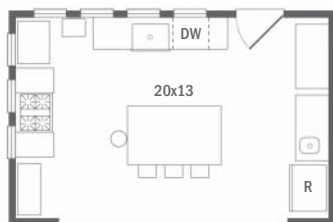
Total **\$11,902**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



OPPOSITE: A painted finish unites an old table base with a new top that was built to accommodate 10 diners.

ABOVE: Used as an island in the couple's previous home, the converted buffet was reworked again to suit this room. The couple customized the piece with paint, chicken-wire door screens, and a Carrara marble countertop that forms a breakfast bar. **LEFT:** Glass globes and exposed Edison-style bulbs lend a period look to the pendant fixtures in the vaulted ceiling.



Installing unfitted cabinets furthers the farmhouse charm, highlighted by white paint and walls of windows. The island acts as a landing and prep spot between the refrigerator and range.



OPPOSITE: Wrapping the cabinets along the range wall creates an efficient L-shape work zone for this remodeled kitchen.

LEFT: An undermount stainless-steel sink is durable, and now it's easy to wipe messes directly into the sink. A single-lever faucet can be maneuvered with the nudge of a hand, which makes cleaning up while baking more convenient.

honey of a kitchen

After years of living in cramped quarters, a beekeeper's cottage gets a sweet new look.

WRITER MEGAN BOETTCHER • PHOTOGRAPHER EMILY J. FOLLOWILL
FIELD EDITOR LISA MOWRY • STYLIST THEA BEASLEY





Room size 130 sq ft

Budget \$24,379

Why we love it
Using shades of gray makes this small kitchen feel larger.



she keeps bees



in her backyard. She keeps them in community gardens. She even keeps bees in a mountain location. Now, for the first time, Linda Tillman can see her bees from the window in the adjacent dining room in her 1930s Atlanta home. “My kitchen used to feel like a closet,” Linda says. “There was little natural light, and no room for company.”

Two walls blocked the view from the kitchen to the dining room. So when interior designer Brian Patterson came up with a plan to add a window in the dining room and remove the walls between the kitchen and dining room, Linda was sold. “I wanted to create a better connection from the kitchen to the rest of the home,” Patterson says. The result is an open flow with plenty of seats, and the two rooms now function as one.

Patterson also made the kitchen more functional with an L-shape layout. A continuous run of countertop between the sink and range gives Linda space to prep and cook meals without having to carry ingredients across the room. Another smart addition is the well-equipped pantry cabinet. “Linda is a true cook,” Patterson says. “She needs ingredients and cookware easily accessible. Designed to feel like an antique wardrobe, the dark wood floor-to-ceiling cabinet makes things easy to find. “Her home has detailed millwork, and I wanted to give her cabinetry the same consideration,” Patterson says.

A warm gray paint dresses the perimeter cabinetry. “This shade feels relaxing,” Linda says. “And that’s how I want to feel when I’m baking.” Variegated tones on the quartz-surfacing counter and limestone backsplash add interest to the design. A combination of undercabinet lighting, ceiling fixtures, and natural light completes the welcoming atmosphere.

“A surprising benefit of this remodel was the light and the view. I never imagined how much the additional natural light would enhance the feel of the kitchen,” Linda says. “And when the bees are flying, it’s like watching beautiful golden streams outside my window.”

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THIS PHOTO: Including a shelf above the window creates a place to perch collectibles.

OPPOSITE TOP:

Elongated hexagonal tile is reminiscent of a honeycomb, a casual nod to the homeowner's beekeeping hobby.

OPPOSITE BOTTOM:

Installing cabinets that extend to the ceiling allows for more storage in the kitchen. A new stainless-steel hood coordinates with the range the homeowner reused from her pre-renovated kitchen.

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**Dorian Gray
(SW7017)**
Sherwin-Williams

Hang a
chandelier
30-34 inches
above a dining
room table.



budget

Appliances

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Dishwasher | 1,169 |
| Microwave | 350 |
| Refrigerator | 3,200 |
| Vent hood | 500 |

Cabinetry

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Cabinets | 11,000 |
| Hardware | 400 |

Plumbing

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Faucet | 400 |
| Sink | 550 |

Surfaces

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| Backsplash tile | 1,250 |
| Countertop | 2,100 |
| Flooring | 1,400 |
| Paint | 60 |

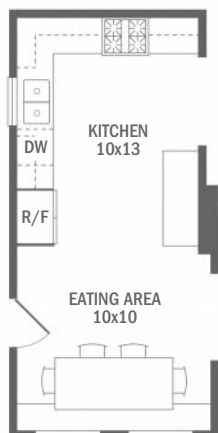
Miscellaneous

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| Light fixtures | 1,700 |
| Window | 300 |

Total **\$24,379**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.

OPPOSITE: Unlike many dining rooms where the table is centered in the room, this eating area gained more walking space by pushing the large rectangular table toward a banquette under the windows. **BELOW LEFT:** Bin pulls give the cabinetry another furniturelike element. Simple knobs on other cabinets keep the look clean and suited to the age of the home. **BELOW RIGHT:** The custom armoire-style pantry cabinet accommodates baking supplies, small appliances, and trash and recycling bins.



Removing a pantry and walls between the kitchen and dining room created an open design with an L-shape layout. Keeping the plumbing fixtures in their original locations saved time and money.

Buzz About Hex Tile

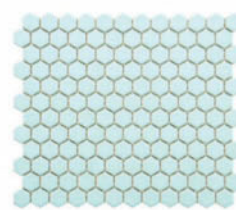
Homeowner Linda Tillman was right on trend when she selected honeycomb tile for her backsplash. Her inspiration came from her love of beekeeping, but you can keep up with the pattern trend with these tile options.

Single Spaces. Add dimension for \$20 a square foot with a stretched concave hexagonal ceramic tile. These 5x5½-inch gray high-gloss tiles from The Tile Shop are ideal for wall applications in kitchens and baths.

By the Sheet. If you're going the DIY route, check out tile sold by the sheet. Easy to install on floors and walls, these porcelain mosaic tiles from Elite Tile will hide a myriad of imperfections. Also available in light green, the matte light blue is lovely at \$8 a square foot.



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tileshop.com



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wayfair.com



LEFT: Homeowner Gayle Schadendorf combined Edison bulbs, lighting wire, and brushed-nickel fixtures to create a custom, industrial-chic light fixture. **OPPOSITE:** The long and slim kitchen had a lean makeover budget to match. “Keep what you can, and then do your research,” Gayle says. “The time you spend comparing prices could save you hundreds of dollars.”

apartment therapy

A creative designer gives her high-rise kitchen a high-style makeover.

WRITER AND STYLIST HEIDI PEARSON • PHOTOGRAPHER JAY WILDE



Room size 90 sq ft

Budget \$4,628

Why we love it

The vinyl floor tile is an inexpensive way to add pattern.



THIS PHOTO: To extend counter space and create a comfortable eating perch, Gayle topped a breakfast bar with a marble slab she'd repurposed previously around her home. **OPPOSITE:** Gayle applied her eye for detail to every aspect of the kitchen, including the way the curved top of the Amana range mimics the curved glass of the range hood.

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a desire to move up

in the world didn't drive Gayle Schadendorf to relocate two years ago, but she did just that when she traded her blocks-from-the-beach San Diego cottage for a 23rd-floor Minneapolis condo.

"It was the breathtaking views that sold me," she says. What didn't sell Gayle was the 1980s kitchen—complete with a dropped textured ceiling, track lighting, and plaid wallpaper. Armed with keen design skills, the interior and graphic designer set out to give her time-warp kitchen a budget-smart refresh.

First Gayle tackled the ceiling. "I cut a small hole in the drywall and used my phone to take pictures of what I couldn't see—that's how I knew I could tear it down," she says. Doing so revealed 10-foot concrete ceilings, which instantly set the tone for the fresh, industrial-chic vibe Gayle wanted.

The existing clean-lined cabinets were keepers, but they didn't provide enough counter space or storage, so Gayle crafted a peninsula out of a sideboard and a marble slab. She also retrofitted a pantry with custom shelving and sliding doors.

Then came the cosmetic updates. Gayle covered the range wall from counter to ceiling with gray subway tiles, replaced the dated countertop with budget-friendly 24-inch-square granite tiles, installed a stainless-steel apron-front sink, and upgraded to stainless-steel appliances.

Throughout the process, sourcing items on the Internet was Gayle's MO. "I ordered almost all of my materials from big-box retailer websites, since their stores offer just a fraction of what's available online," Gayle says. Her favorite online find—the commercial vinyl tiles she installed over the existing flooring. Extremely durable, they establish the pop of green that reappears in the focal-point wall stencil Gayle designed herself.

"I spent hundreds of hours researching options, comparing prices, and doing as much of the work myself as possible," Gayle says. One look at her kitchen reveals it was time well spent.

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Running standard subway tile in a basket-weave pattern is a simple way to add a custom touch.



budget

Appliances

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Dishwasher | 500 |
| Range | 699 |
| Refrigerator | 919 |
| Vent hood | 499 |

Cabinetry

| | |
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| Hardware | 57 |
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Plumbing

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| Faucet | 190 |
| Sink | 349 |

Surfaces

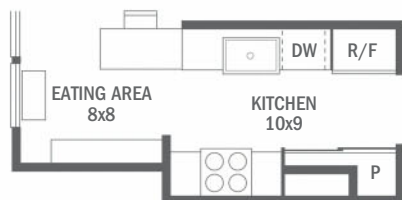
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| Backsplash tile | 212 |
| Countertop materials | 210 |
| Floor tile | 142 |
| Paint | 120 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Lighting | 250 |
| Pantry doors | 220 |
| Pantry shelves | 112 |
| Peninsula table | 149 |

Total \$4,628

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Keeping the existing layout in the condo's small galley kitchen allowed for surface upgrades like paint, countertops, flooring, and tile to stay within the tight budget.



OPPOSITE: The homeowner put her DIY skills to use fronting 24-inch-square granite tiles with stainless-steel edging for the countertop. **ABOVE:** Vinyl tiles add durable, easy-to-install style under Gayle's feet for a fraction of what other flooring materials can cost. **LEFT:** Inspired by a 1960s motif from *Mad Men*, the mod stencil converts a plain wall into a focal point that echoes the pop of green on the floor.

PROJECT SPONSOR

Amana refrigerator, range, range hood, dishwasher. amana.com

Room size 140 sq ft

Budget \$22,959

Why we love it

The chandelier has been in four of the homeowners' homes.





Wide antique pine floor boards custom cut from a local Massachusetts mill make Sharon and Dale Riebolds' kitchen feel original to the home. Open shelving and glass-front cabinets display Sharon's dishware collection.

scaled to fit

An 1850s Massachusetts home gains a new kitchen rich in storage and venerable style.

WRITER MARIE MCCARTAN

PHOTOGRAPHER JOE KELLER

FIELD EDITOR KARIN LIDBECK BRENT

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it was time.

Nearly 30 years after Sharon and Dale Riebold purchased their historic home in the Cape Cod village of West Dennis, they were finally ready to remodel their beloved summer home.

Though the main goal for the kitchen remodel was to retain the scale and feel of the older part of the house, the Riebolds also wanted the kitchen to function efficiently by outfitting it with new appliances and cabinets. “I didn’t want a country kitchen,” Sharon says. Instead, she opted for a classic look. “I think 20 years from now the style will still fit in.”

Sharon chose a soft white paint for the cabinets, which she painted herself. The custom cabinets were laid out in the living room and painted before they were installed. She primed the cabinets, then applied two coats of oil-base paint.

Dale installed classic elements such as the beaded-board ceiling and crown molding. The island, though small, makes up for the countertop space sacrificed to resting the upper cabinets on the counters. Open shelves and glass doors allow Sharon to display her vast collection of teapots, vases, and servingware.

“Even though the kitchen is small, we can always fit everyone in. We spend a lot of time in the kitchen. I’ve had bigger kitchens with more room,” Sharon says, “but this is my favorite.”

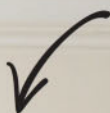
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OPPOSITE: The white cabinetry is subtly punctuated by tan wall paint and multiple shades of beige: on the beaded-board ceiling, in the island’s beige-and-black granite countertop, and on the perimeter creamy solid-surfacing counters. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Open upper cabinets create display space for serving dishes. **RIGHT:** The island features glass doors and drawers to keep kitchen essentials within steps of the range.



THIS PHOTO: Sharon designed the kitchen so the wall cabinets run to the countertop to utilize every inch of space.

OPPOSITE: Cabinetry wraps the counter-depth fridge and built-in ovens. The black wall oven and microwave complement the black in the granite countertop on the island. "I think it would have been too bland if all the appliances had been bisque," she says.



A custom plate rack and open storage make dishes easy to access.



budget

Appliances

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Cooktop | 717 |
| Dishwasher | 496 |
| Microwave | 518 |
| Refrigerator | 2,000 |
| Wall oven | 1,115 |

Cabinetry

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Cabinets | 11,000 |
| Hardware | 390 |

Plumbing

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| Faucet | 148 |
| Sink | 275 |

Surfaces

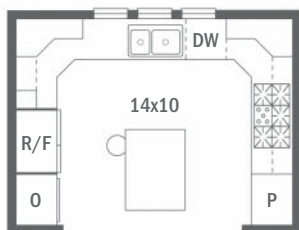
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| Beaded-board ceiling | 500 |
| Countertop | 2,000 |
| Flooring | 2,000 |
| Island countertop | 1,100 |
| Paint | 250 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Light fixtures (can lights) | 450 |
|-----------------------------|-----|

Total **\$22,959**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



An efficient work triangle in this U-shape kitchen layout makes meal prep and hosting guests convenient.



Removing Hardwood Stains

Don't panic over stains and spots on your wood floors. Depending on what type and how deep the stain is, you may be able to fix it easily.

WHITE STAINS indicate the stain is located either in the floor's finish or the waxy surface. Let the stain dry for two days to see if it disappears on its own. If it is still visible, cover the stain with a dry cotton cloth and rub with a hot iron (set to "no steam") for two to three seconds.

BLACK RINGS are more problematic; they are generally water stains that have penetrated the finish. You have two options. Dip a scrub brush into a small amount of bleach and rub on the stain; repeat after several hours and let the area rest overnight. Or strip, sand, and reseal the area.

NONGREASY STAINS caused by items such as food and nail polish should come off with dish detergent mixed into warm water and rubbed onto the spot with a soft cloth.

GREASE STAINS can be removed with a small amount of ammonia mixed with cold water and applied with a soft cloth.

Room size 204 sq ft

Budget \$22,674

Why we love it
The cabinets were
designed and
purchased online.





Nancy Twomey's kitchen makeover made room for a snack bar and breakfast area. Two pendants, a chandelier, and recessed lights provide ample lighting in work and dining areas.

space wars

A savvy designer's redo of her own family kitchen nearly doubles its storage capacity.

WRITER MERVYN KAUFMAN

PHOTOGRAPHER JAMES SALOMON

FIELD EDITOR SUSAN SALOMON





finding a good fit



is as valuable in a kitchen as it is in a three-piece suit. When Nancy and Dan Twomey bought a two-story traditional home in a Washington, D.C., suburb, they were determined to tailor it to the needs of their family, which included four growing sons. Before moving in, Nancy, a designer by trade, worked on the kitchen to remove the 1980s feel and maximize its storage.

Although her kitchen's footprint was about 200 square feet, Nancy knew she could make the space feel bigger. "We didn't move any walls, but we eliminated one doorway and moved another," she says.

From experience, Nancy was sure she could squeeze more amenities into her kitchen—storage and dining potential. She removed a long peninsula extending deep into the space, installing a compact island. And though the home has a formal dining room, the Twomeys also wanted a breakfast area for casual meals. Nancy shopped online to find a table that could seat six and also fit into the tight space.

Adding light was an important consideration; the old kitchen had been dimly lit by just two overhead fixtures. Now there are four recessed lights, a pair of pendants over the island, and a decorative fixture over the table.

In redesigning the space, she had to make a choice—more storage or more work space? She chose the former, nearly doubling her storage capacity but losing some counter space. "I don't miss it," Nancy says. The couple's design goal was achieved. "We'd wanted to make the space as efficient as possible," she says. "If anything, the new kitchen exceeds expectations."

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ABOVE: A contemporary metal fixture adds a splash of color to the breakfast area. **LEFT:** A wall of 12-inch-deep cabinets beyond the island is a storage workhorse. **OPPOSITE:** Above the four-burner gas range is a convenient built-in microwave with a recirculating exhaust fan.



← A double-oven range provides flexibility without consuming extra wall space.



budget

Appliances

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Dishwasher | 899 |
| Microwave | 349 |
| Range | 1,799 |
| Refrigerator | 1,999 |

Cabinetry

| | |
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| Cabinets | 9,000 |
| Hardware | 150 |

Plumbing

| | |
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| Faucet | 200 |
| Sink | 260 |

Surfaces

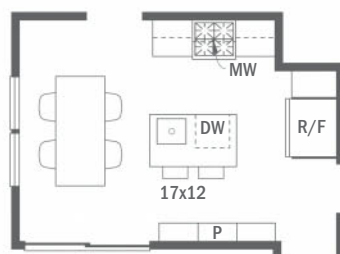
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| Backsplash tile | 350 |
| Countertop | 1,800 |
| Floor refinishing | 1,200 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Barstools | 258 |
| Pendant lights | 490 |
| Slider | 200 |
| Window treatments | 2,320 |
| Windows | 1,400 |

Total \$22,674

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Replacing a peninsula with a space-saving island and removing one doorway and moving another boosts function in the compact kitchen.



OPPOSITE: Replacing both the sliders and windows and adding white window treatments makes the small space bright and inviting. **ABOVE:** Floor-to-ceiling cabinetry wraps the refrigerator in the efficient work zone. **LEFT:** Nancy picked recessed-panel cabinets with a clean, contemporary look. Easy-grip pulls have a brushed-nickel finish.



OPPOSITE: Homeowner and designer Beth Kooby's guest bath features a custom vanity crafted from walnut and topped with a concrete counter. Its lines mimic those of an oversize planter box Beth spotted in a luxury outdoor-furniture catalog. **LEFT:** Cage sconces flank the mirror and provide ample task lighting above the vanity.

welcome, one and all

A rejuvenated guest bath designed for Dad greets all guests with its garden-fresh, contemporary style.



WRITER LINDA EGGERS • PHOTOGRAPHER EMILY J. FOLLOWILL • FIELD EDITOR LISA MOWRY



Room size 80 sq ft

Budget \$7,347

Why we love it

The wallpaper's twist on chevron makes us adore the trend again.



save the best for last.



When Beth Kooby bought her '60s-era, split-level Atlanta home, she put her professional interior design skills to work, renovating it room by room in order of need—kitchen, kids' bath, dining room—leaving the largely unused guest bath for last. But when her father fell ill, she wanted him near her, and the guest suite suddenly became a priority. "I wanted him to feel at home," Beth says. "So my contractor and I made it happen within a few weeks."

Inspired by her father's love of gardening, Beth chose a chevron-pattern wallcovering and shower curtain in a fresh green-and-white color palette reminiscent of springtime.

"It's neither super feminine nor burly masculine," Beth says. "It crosses styles, too—sort of Nantucket meets Mediterranean." The designer's penchant for creating interesting design elements also shows up in a hunky walnut vanity similar to a planter box.

In keeping with the outdoor theme, Beth added a wire-legged stool with a top made from a slice of tree trunk and cage sconces for vanity lighting. Even the artwork—a scene from Cuba showing laundry hanging between two buildings—reminded Beth of her father.

"He grew up on the south side of Chicago, where he saw this kind of scenery every day," she says. "This bathroom fit him perfectly."

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ABOVE: A minimalist, brushed-nickel single-lever faucet pairs perfectly with a concrete countertop and integrated sink. **LEFT:** A chevron pattern in green and white covers the upper walls and is repeated in the shower curtain, giving the room a fresh, outdoorsy vibe. **OPPOSITE:** Layered walnut planks give the blocky vanity a grounded feel.

budget

Cabinetry

Vanity 2,250

Plumbing

Faucet 89

Shower fixtures 249

Shower/tub surround 634

Toilet 752

Tub 368

Surfaces

Concrete countertop and sink 812

Floor tile 600

Wallpaper 160

Wall tile 500

Miscellaneous

Light fixtures 326

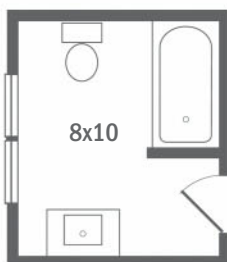
Medicine cabinet 259

Shower curtain 78

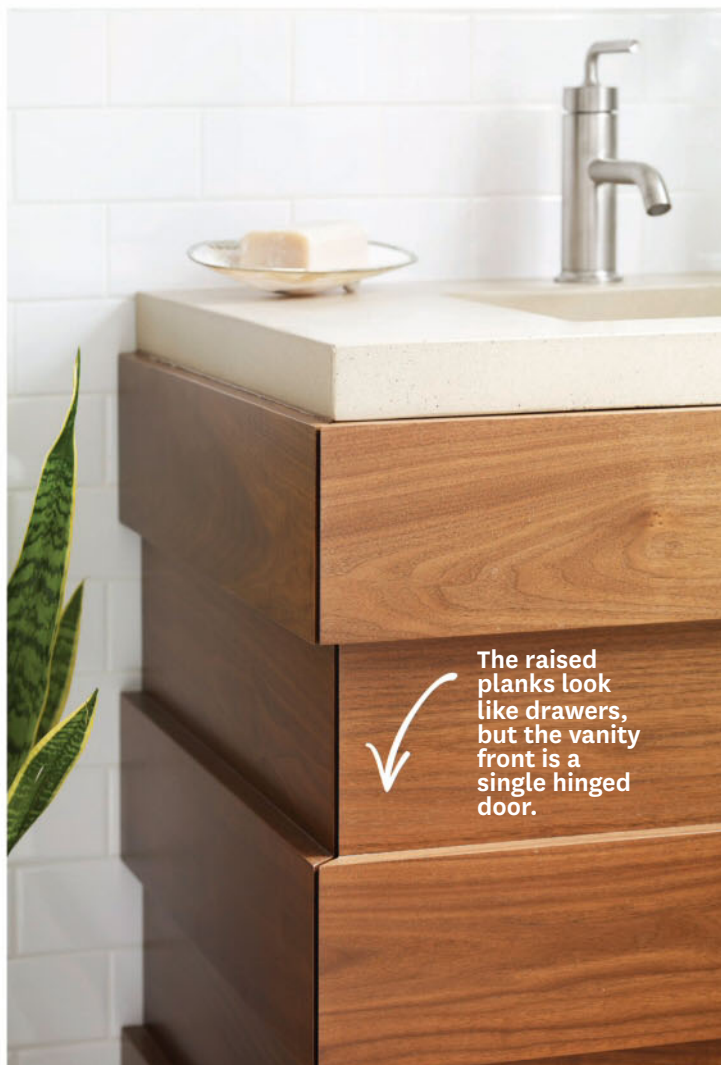
Towel bar and paper dispenser 270

Total **\$7,347**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



The guest bathroom accommodates the essentials—a tub/shower, toilet, and vanity, with the latter two elements on opposite walls.



The raised planks look like drawers, but the vanity front is a single hinged door.

Single Vanities

The beauty of designer and homeowner Beth Kooby's custom walnut vanity with concrete counter and integrated sink may seem hard to replicate, but don't despair. Options abound, both at your local big-box retailer and online.

If you're looking for a vanity with the same solid feel, cast your eyes on the Style Selections Drayden Grey Vanity. Topped with cultured marble, it is available at Lowe's for \$229—lots of character at a budget price.

Prefer a more refined look? Consider the Fraser Bath Vanity from Home Decorators Collection. Its espresso finish and gray granite countertop lend elegance to any bath, and an open lower shelf makes towel storage handy. The vanity's middle-of-the-road price point won't break the bank, either—\$559.



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lowes.com



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homedecorators.com



OPPOSITE: Found at an antiques show in Texas, a rectangular mirror with paint chipping off is installed above the vanity in the new master bath. “It’s incredibly heavy and old and has wonderful patina,” homeowner Kim Whitley-Gaynor says. **LEFT:** Repurposed from an old buffet, the bath vanity boasts two undermount sinks with single-hole nickel faucets and plenty of storage underneath.

suite and low

Hands-on homeowners with a knack for salvage design remodel a secondary bathroom into their new master en suite.

WRITER AND FIELD EDITOR SHANNON QUIMBY
PHOTOGRAPHER JAY WILDE



Room size 105 sq ft

Budget \$4,115

Why we love it
Upcycled vintage
pieces feel new again
in this DIY bath.



deep in the heart of Texas,



homeowners Mark Gaynor and Kim Whitley-Gaynor found their dream home, a historical 1853 house sitting on 10 acres. It needed a lot of work, but these salvage experts were up for the challenge.

A major change of the home's layout was to modify their master bedroom and add access to an adjoining master bath. The existing bath was outdated, and the floor was spongy due to a leaky toilet. Remodeling began with reconfiguring walls and removing one of two walk-in master closets.

Mark built an oversize walk-in shower incorporating traditional 3x6-inch white subway wall tiles and black hexagon floor tiles. Directly above the shower is a new ceiling-mount light fixture. Its base was smaller than the hole, so Mark and Kim put a piece of reclaimed tin between the two, covering the open space. White beaded board on the wainscoting and ceiling adds architectural charm.

A salvage showstopper is an old buffet that Mark repurposed into the double-sink vanity. Initially the whole piece was painted, but the top got scratched while installing the sinks, so Mark sanded it down to bare wood, and Kim sealed the top with Miss Mustard Seed's furniture wax, which has held up to the moisture. Two additional primitive cabinets contribute creative storage solutions.

Owners of Living Vintage, a business that deconstructs old homes and salvages the materials, Kim and Mark demonstrate it can be good to take your work home. By doing most of the work themselves and repurposing salvaged materials, their dream en suite became a reality.

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LEFT: Classic white subway tiles surround the inside walls of the shower. "Our custom walk-in shower is so large, we don't need a door or curtain," Kim says. Her husband framed a piece of the reclaimed ceiling tin as artwork. **OPPOSITE:** With glass doors, the four-shelf primitive cupboard provides pretty storage for towels and toiletries.

budget

Cabinetry

| | |
|----------|-----|
| Hardware | 100 |
| Vanity | 300 |

Plumbing

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| Faucets | 50 |
| Shower fixtures | 300 |
| Sinks | 150 |
| Toilet | 100 |

Surfaces

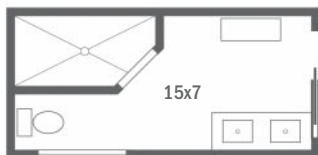
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| Beaded board | 300 |
| Paint | 200 |
| Tile | 2,300 |

Miscellaneous

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| Light fixtures | 165 |
| Mirror | 150 |

Total **\$4,115**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Stealing space from a closet allowed for a roomy walk-in shower and a small double vanity.



The Perfect Palette

Cottage Style editor Brian Kramer shares two no-fail color combos for contemporary cottage charm.

Warm Gray + Dusty Peach This is a warm, sweet, and feminine combo that avoids going syrupy or silly. It works well with warmer metals (burnished bronze, copper, oil-rubbed iron) and mixed metals. Khakis, tan, and natural linens look great and energize the gray. Pair with a warm white, avoiding whites with a yellow or green tint.

Navy + Saturated Blue Blue and white are a timeless cottage color pairing. For a fresh and versatile take, combine two deep blues—a rich navy and a clean, saturated blue. Pops of red or yellow take this scheme more nautical and all-American, while bright aqua or deep teal feel more tropical.



Creek Bend (790F-4)
Peach Damask (240C-3)
behrr.com



Blue Danube (2062-30)
Seaport Blue (2060-30)
benjaminmoore.com



OPPOSITE: “Standard vanities give such a boxed-in look,” interior designer Perry Walter says. Instead, he designed this painted white maple vanity, topped by quartz-surfacing, to increase the open floor space in the small bath. **LEFT:** Polished-chrome single-handle faucets and large vessel sinks provide the modern lines that define this bathroom.

expansive equation

Sparkling mosaic glass tiles plus a cool white setting equal spacious, master bathroom bliss.

WRITER AND FIELD EDITOR LISA MOWRY • PHOTOGRAPHER ANTHONY-MASTERSON



Room size 100 sq ft

Budget \$12,095

Why we love it

A band of mosaic glass tile adds a fun splash of color.





modern color splash:



That was the directive Atlanta homeowners Ken Mims and Mark Edge gave interior designer Perry Walter. “The challenge was to make this small bathroom appear larger and more open,” says Walter, who did that in several ways, including eliminating the bathtub in the new floor plan.

Another space-stretcher for the master bath was the double vanity. Walter designed a custom vanity to accomplish two goals: make the room appear larger by maximizing open space on the floor, and create storage for the homeowners. The vessel sinks play into a motif of rectangles, reinforcing the contemporary design.

The mainly white color palette also visually expands the space. Walter chose white for the walls, mirrors, vanity, and shower wall tiles. He warmed it up with light tan floor tiles and white quartz-surfacing countertop. A band of glass mosaic accent tiles became the focal point. “We came up with a mosaic design element that would give just the right pops of color,” Walter says.

The designer also boosted the storage. Two floating shelves above the toilet hold towels and other bathroom items, and a large niche for shower products was incorporated into the band of mosaic tile.

Both homeowners are physicians who appreciate neat and orderly living. Add in the designer’s aesthetics, and the end result fulfills the doctors’ orders. “This master bath retreat combines it all—soothing colors, functional design, and efficient space planning,” Walter says.

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LEFT: A walk-in shower with two showerheads, a built-in seat, and a niche create the ultimate shower experience. **ABOVE:** The handheld chrome fixture is one of two showerheads in the large-scale shower. **OPPOSITE:** Open shelves in the toilet alcove add a decorative storage element.

budget

Cabinetry

| | |
|----------|-------|
| Hardware | 90 |
| Vanity | 2,200 |

Plumbing

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| Faucets | 274 |
| Shower fixtures | 211 |
| Sinks | 450 |
| Toilet | 248 |

Surfaces

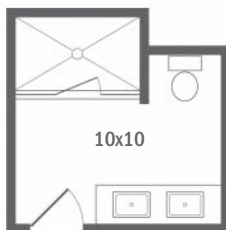
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| Floor and shower floor tile | 1,808 |
| Glass mosaic tile | 1,242 |
| Shower door | 1,850 |
| Shower wall tile | 1,437 |
| Vanity countertop | 1,200 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Mirrors | 670 |
| Sconces | 190 |
| Shelves | 225 |

Total **\$12,095**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Removing the tub made room for a spacious 6-foot-long shower. The new vanity includes customized storage to maximize the small bathroom.



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after small bath
makeovers.

Top- vs. Undermount Sinks

Whether a bathroom sink should sit on top of the countertop (known as top-mount or vessel sinks) or be built in below the counter depends on aesthetic and practical preferences. Interior designer Perry Walter of Walter Studio shares his thoughts.

TOP-MOUNT SINKS add a distinct design feature to a room, Walter says, particularly if the goal is a modern look. He prefers larger top-mount sinks for utilitarian rooms, such as a master bath. Smaller vessel sinks work best in powder rooms. Also consider the faucet height, angle and flow of the water, and how it sits over the drain. “Make sure your faucet complements the sink and bowl depth,” Walter says.

UNDERMOUNT SINKS are a good choice for families with children, who might find it harder to reach a vessel sink. Traditional undermount sinks are also easier to clean around and, depending on the style, allow more space for the faucet and countertop.



OPPOSITE: The mix of materials—subway, glass, and bluestone-look porcelain tiles—and bold paint color create visual interest in the tiny bath. **LEFT:** Running glass mosaic tile vertically behind the shower rail creates the illusion of height and breaks up the run of white subway tile in the shower surround.

small matters

Architect homeowners amplify a spare bath's minuscule square footage.

WRITER AND STYLIST JORGE S. ARANGO • PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN BESSLER
FIELD EDITOR LISA MOWRY



Room size
40 sq ft

Budget
\$4,593

Why we love it
Bold color pumps up the classic elements.





high style on a budget

is not an oxymoron, especially when you and your creative spouse happen to design homes for a living. Architect Amy Nowak-Palmerini packed a lot of concept into the spare bath in their Congers, New York, home when she and husband Roberto Palmerini, also an architect, could no longer live with what she calls its “Miami Vice pink and gray” color scheme. The pink tub and toilet and the floral decorative tile from the 1980s had to go.

After gutting the bath, she sheathed the shower and wainscoted other walls in white subway tile. “I’m a big fan of white because you can take the bathroom in any direction from there,” she says.

To contemporize the subway tile’s traditional aesthetic, Amy added a niche in the shower backed with vertical rectangular glass tiles and repeated the look behind the showerhead and controls. The effect appears again behind the sconce illuminating the new recessed medicine cabinet.

Porcelain plank tiles that resemble bluestone were a budget-friendly floor surface. The combination of traditional and contemporary materials ensures a timeless appeal.

Framing the mirror, sconce, and window in white trim unified what had been a choppy, cluttered look of three separate elements on a short wall. Amy provided for their young twin children by designing a vanity with a bottom drawer that doubles as a step.

Designing the room with just white could have felt too spare. “We wanted a punch of a vibrant shade,” Amy says. Walls received a coat of vibrant chartreuse, instantly enlivening the room. “It functions for kids, but still feels like an adult space,” she says.

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budget

Cabinetry

Hardware 25

Plumbing

Faucet 300

Shower fixtures 1,367

Sink 390

Toilet 240

Tub 320

Surfaces

Floor tile (including labor) 150

Glass tile accents 250

Paint 60

Wall tile (including labor) 515

Miscellaneous

Accessories 151

towel bar, shower bar, toilet paper holder

Light fixtures 170

Metal trim accessories 50

Mirror 80

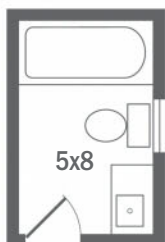
Radiant electric heat floor mat 400

Shower light/exhaust fan 100

Window shade 25

Total **\$4,593**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



The footprint remained the same, but to improve function at the sink, architect Amy Nowak-Palmerini opted for an off-center sink to gain a 10-inch surface on one side rather than 5-inch surfaces on either side.



OPPOSITE TOP: A modern sconce with energy-efficient LED bulbs floats within a glass mosaic tile background, mimicking the accent tile in the shower area. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** The custom vanity is a gift from homeowner and architect Roberto Palmerini's father. **ABOVE:** A generously sized shower niche has ample storage. **LEFT:** The bottom vanity drawer becomes a step stool; the tread flips up for additional storage.

Room size 40 sq ft

Budget \$3,895

Why we love it
Mint green feels fresh again in this classic bath's makeover.



OPPOSITE: A 1930s bath looks better than ever with crisp white fixtures and soothing mint green walls.

RIGHT: Homeowner Lesley Patterson-Marx trimmed a polyester shower curtain liner to fit the window and personalized it using iron-on adhesive and green fabric to make the hexagon designs.

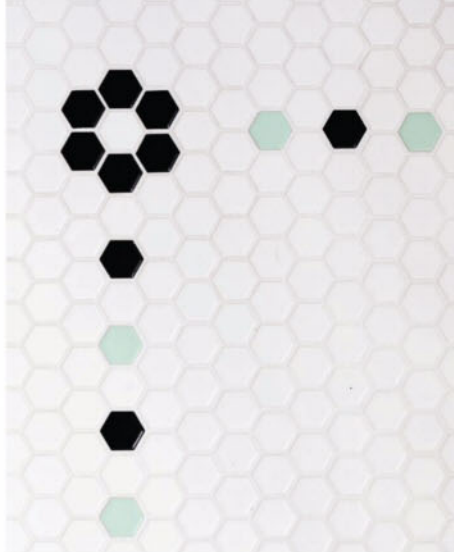


artist's eye

Inspired by vintage colors, this awkward and tired 1930s bath lives a modern second life.

WRITER MEGAN BOETTCHER • PHOTOGRAPHER ANTHONY-MASTERSON
FIELD EDITOR ANNA FORKUM





layering vintage papers



to create original art pieces is Lesley Patterson-Marx's passion. She employed the same artistic approach to redesigning her bath. "I was a little intimidated by the idea of designing the room," Lesley says of the main bath in her 1936 Nashville home that she shares with her husband, Jonathon Marx, and son, Abraham.

Lesley started by reworking the layout. "Originally the sink and toilet were so close that it was possible to wash your hands without having to stand up," Lesley says. Removal of a shallow linen closet formed a recess for the vanity, creating better access to the shower and toilet. Eliminating the tub and installing glass doors in the new, spacious shower visually enlarges the room. "I love how clear and seamless the shower is," Lesley says.

With the permanent fixtures in place, Lesley unleashed her creativity on the decor. "The light mint green walls have a calming and emotional quality," Lesley says. "And it also suits the age of the home. In my work with antique papers, I've seen this shade many times in materials from the 1930s."

Black and white hexagonal floor tiles are also typical in homes from this era, but Lesley put her own spin on the design by mixing in mint green tiles. White ceramic subway tiles paired with a thin black border tile in the shower further the traditional look. "I grew up in an older home that had a similar tile treatment," Lesley says. "I wanted our bath to look authentic." The final product is a masterful combination of modern convenience and vintage charm.

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LEFT: Removing a closet made room for recessing the vanity. **ABOVE LEFT:** Lesley sketched several drafts before finalizing the floor's tile design. **ABOVE:** Green glass tiles accent the back of the shower's storage niche. **OPPOSITE:** The frameless glass shower door made the room feel more spacious.

budget

Cabinetry

Vanity with countertop 956

Plumbing

Faucet 253

Shower fixtures 100

Surfaces

Floor tile 400

Glass shower enclosure 1,000

Paint 224

Shower wall tile 145

Miscellaneous

Curtain 10

Hooks 27

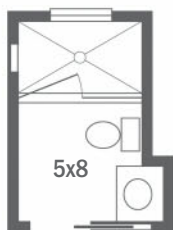
Light fixtures 321

Medicine cabinet 330

Shelf 129

Total \$3,895

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



Moving the vanity into space stolen from a closet cleared the center of the room, and replacing the tub with a walk-in shower added to the open feeling.



How to Personalize Your Bath

With so much function to pack into one room, bath design is often more like a jigsaw puzzle than a portrait. Refresh your space with elements that represent you.

LETTER LOVE Adorn your walls for next to nothing with your initial. Paint a wood letter from a crafts store, buy a rub-on adhesive letter in your favorite font, or get artsy and freehand-draw your initial in paint.

FABRIC FUN Iron-on adhesives give you endless options for no-sew fabric projects. Personalize a window treatment, like homeowner Lesley Patterson-Marx did in this bath, or create your own valance.

PLAYFUL PATTERNS Don't settle for tile patterns that come out of a box. Try a new angle. Mix in different colors, textures, or materials for interest. Sketch pattern options to make sure you—and your installer—are on the same page.

resources

Most of the products shown in this issue can be obtained locally. For more information, contact the sources listed in this section. Addresses and phone numbers have been verified, but we cannot guarantee availability of items.



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Wall paint Agreeable Gray SW7029, **cabinet paint** Connected Gray SW6165, **trim paint** Pure White SW7005—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Fabric for Roman shades** Ortona in Heather from the Better Homes and Gardens® Home Decor Fabrics Collection—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; joann.com. **Primer** Adhesion Primer—Kilz; kilz.com. **Cabinet hardware** Brainerd Champagne Bronze Arched Cabinet Pull and Round Knob—Liberty Hardware Manufacturing Corp.; 800/542-3789; libertyhardware.com. **Faucet** Benton One-Handle High Arc, **sink** from the 2000 Series—Moen, Inc.; 800/289-6636; moen.com. **Countertop refinishing kit** Countertop Transformations kit in Charcoal—Rust-Oleum; 800/323-3584; rustoleum.com. **Tile** Legno Gatsby Travertine Mosaic, **tiling supplies**—The Tile Shop; 888/398-6595; tileshop.com. **Purple oil dispenser to right of range** EVOO—Rachel Ray; rachelraystore.com.

weekend projects PAGES 29–33

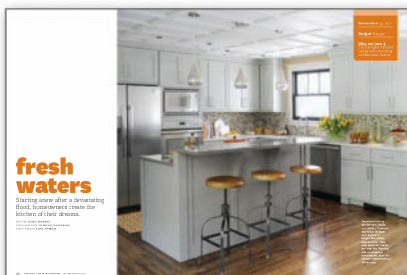
Wall paint Pure White SW7005—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Spray paint for lampshade frames, house numbers, peg rail** Luscious Green—Valspar; 800/845-9061; valsparpaint.com [P]. **Island paint** Temptation, **cabinet paint** Englewood Cliffs—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Wood pallets** 36×36-inch New Wood Pallets, H-3445, sold in sets of five—Uline; uline.com. **Beechwood countertop** Numerar—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **White rug** Diamond Sprout in White—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; 800/658-5035; dashandalbert.com. **Counter-height stools** Garden Backless in Stone Green—Home Decorators Collection; 877/537-8539; homedecorators.com. **Peg rail**—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com. **Pendant lights** Colorful Hanging Edison Pendant Chandelier Hardwire fixtures with Green Round Cords and Black Nickel Sockets—Hangout Lighting; hangoutlighting.etsy.com. **Lampshade frames** Square Frame Washer R172W20, 8×15×14 inches—The Lamp Shop, Concord, New Hampshire; 603/224-1603; lampshop.com. **Wall clock kit** Large Wall Clock DIY Kit—Southeastern Clocks; stores.southeasternclocks.com. **Floating house numbers** Hillman Group 5-inch House Numbers; **pronged T-nuts** (8/32×3/4

inch) and **hanger bolts**—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Tea towels** Dahlia and Bitty Dot in Kiwi—Printing Grounds; printinggrounds.etsy.com. **Wood finials** 4¾-inch birch and 3½½-inch, **wood dowel** FN8080 and FN8060—Woodworks, Ltd.; 800/722-0311; craftparts.com. **Faucet** Banbury Two-Handle High-Arc Kitchen Faucet in Spot Resist Stainless Steel CA87000SRS—Moen, Inc.; 800/289-6636; moen.com. **Wood clock surfaces and wood plaques** by Art Mind—Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com.



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Flooring—Armstrong World Industries; 800/233-3823; armstrong.com. **Wall paint** Bennington Gray HC-82, **vanity paint** New Providence Navy 1651, **trim paint** Simply White OC-117—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Wallpaper** Aviva DE8849—York Wallcoverings; 800/375-9675; yorkwall.com. **Vanity and countertop**—The Home Depot; homedepot.com (product line varies). **Cabinet hardware, mirror, shelf, towel holder**—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Faucet**—Pfister; 800/732-8238; pfisterfaucets.com. **Shower curtain**—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; wayfair.com.



fresh waters

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Interior designer: Anna Forkum, Nashville; 615/975-6485; kule@bellsouth.net; annaforkum.com.

Cabinetry—Anderson Cabinets, LaVergne, Tennessee; 615/872-0765. **Cabinet paint** Half Moon Crest, **island paint** Sparrow, **ceiling paint** Alaskan Husky, **wall paint** Huntington Beige—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P].

Backsplash tile mosaic of Matte Glass in Vihara, Karuna, and Silk—Kenny and Co., Birmingham, Alabama; 205/323-5616; kennycompany.com.

Countertop Nougat 6600—CaesarStone US; 877/978-2789; caesarstoneus.com. **Island countertop** Collybrooke—Cambria; 866/226-2742; cambriausa.com. **Oven, range, microwave,**

refrigerator from the Professional Series—Frigidaire; 800/374-4432; frigidaire.com. **Sink**—Sterling Plumbing, a division of the Kohler Co.; 888/783-7546; sterlingplumbing.com. **Faucet**—Danze; 877/530-3344; danze.com. **Cabinet pulls**—Richelieu; US: 800/619-5446; Canada: 800/361-6000; richelieu.com. **White plates, yellow napkins**—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **White tray, glass containers, ceramic tray with oils**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies). **Blue dish towels**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Orange colander, orange mixing bowl, glass vase**—T.J.Maxx; 800/285-6299; tjmaxx.com (product line varies). **Floor runner, stools, red dish towel, hand soap**—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com. **Yellow glasses, Bakelite cutlery**—homeowners' vintage collection.

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color punch PAGES 50–55

Architect: Michael Howells, Howells Architecture + Design, Portland, Oregon; 503/869-3715; howellsarc.com.
General contractor: Gregor Mitchell, The Works, Portland, Oregon; 503/331-0103; theworkspdx.com.
Cabinetry—Eurostyle; 800/567-3227; eurostylekitchen.com. **Cabinet pulls** Mission Drawer—Rejuvenation; 888/401-1900; rejuvenation.com. **Cabinet paint** Southfield Green, **wall and ceiling paint** Spa, **door and window trim paint** Refined—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Countertops**—Pental Stone and Tile, Inc., Seattle; 206/768-3200; pentalonline.com. **Wall tile** M-70 in Poppy—Heath Ceramics, Inc., Sausalito, California; 415/332-3732; heathceramics.com. **Wire shelving and gliders for recycling bins**—Rev-A-Shelf; 800/626-1126; rev-a-shelf.com. **Sink** Undermount Single-Bowl Kitchen Sink with Basin Rack, **faucet** Purist—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. **Refrigerator** FPHG2399MF, **range** FPD3085KF—Frigidaire; 800/374-4432; frigidaire.com. **Ceiling light** Glo-Ball—Jasper Morrison Ltd.; jaspermorrison.com.
Rug at sink—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; 800/658-5035; dashandalbert.com. **Dahlias**—Swan Island Dahlia Farm, Canby, Oregon; 503/266-7711; dahlias.com.



found treasures PAGES 56–61

Marble countertops—Apex Marble & Granite; apexmarbleandgranite.com. **Cabinet paint** Cottage White by Behr [P], **flooring** Vinyl in Lined Oak by Trafficmaster—The Home Depot; homedepot.com. **Cabinet pulls**—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com. **Sink**—Smallbone; smallbone.co.uk. **Faucet**—Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com. **Refrigerator**—Frigidaire; 800/374-4432; frigidaire.com. **Range**—Jenn-Air; 800/688-1100; jennair.com. **Glass pendant lights, wall paint** Valspar Clean White [P]—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Dishwasher**—Sears; 800/349-4358; sears.com. **Wall shelf, rack, basket on refrigerator**—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **Island stools** Flint Barstools—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com. **Rug at island, green vase napkins, yellow mugs**—Pier 1 Imports; 800/245-4595; pier1.com. **Windows**—Builder's Discount Center; buildersdiscount.com. **Glass canisters under shelf, honey jar on shelf, cart, utensil container, chalkboard glasses**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies). **Glasses, mugs, fruit-juice bottles**—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com. **French canning jars, trash can**—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Mixer**—KitchenAid; 800/422-1230; kitchenaid.com. **Crocks on shelf**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Toaster**—Dualit; dualit.com. **Juicer, French press, woven tray**—Williams-Sonoma; 800/541-2233; williams-sonoma.com. **Glass vases**—Dutchman's; dutchmansdesigns.com. **Chandelier at dining table**—Ethan Allen Home Interiors; 888/324-3571; ethanallen.com. **Side dining chairs**—Rachel Ashwell; 800/516-4309; shabbychic.com.



honey of a kitchen PAGES 62–67

Designer: Brian Patterson, Brian Patterson Designs, Inc., Decatur, Georgia; 404/486-7000; brianpattersondesigns.com.
Contractor: Barry Wright, Intown Renovations Group, Atlanta; 404/806-1494; intownrenovations.com.
Cabinetry—Jimmy O'Gwynn, Atlanta; 404/694-9197. **Cabinet hardware**—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com.
Countertop Oyster—CaesarStone US; 877/978-2789; caesarstoneus.com. **Backsplash tile** from the Nob Hill collection—Jeffrey Court, Inc., Corona, California; 909/340-3383; jeffreycourt.com.
Sink—Proflo; proflo.com. **Faucet**—Hansgrohe; 800/334-0455; hansgrohe-usa.com. **Range**—Wolf Appliance, Inc.; 800/332-9513; wolfappliances.com.
Range hood—Zephyr Ventilation; 888/880-8368; zephyronline.com. **Refrigerator**—KitchenAid; 800/422-1230; kitchenaid.com. **Dishwasher**—Bosch; 800/944-2904; bosch-home.com/us.
Hardwood flooring, window—through Brian Patterson Designs, Inc., Decatur, Georgia; 404/486-7000; brianpattersondesigns.com. **Surface-mount lighting**—Schoolhouse Electric Co.; 800/630-7113; schoolhouseelectric.com. **Fabric for Roman shade** Malabar Iklat in Lemon and Smoke—Thibaut; 800/223-0704; thibautdesign.com.



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Countertop Salt & Pepper Granite Tiles—The Tile Shop; 888/398-6595; tileshop.com. **Cabinet hardware** Aluminum Modern Edge Cabinet Hardware Pull, **sink** Vault Top-Mount Stainless Steel Single Bowl Kitchen Sink, **faucet** Single-Handle Pull-Out Sprayer Kitchen Faucet, **flooring** Armstrong Imperial Texture VCT Standard Excelon Commercial Vinyl Tile in Little Green Apple, Charcoal, and Soft Cool Gray, **matte wall tile** Rittenhouse Matte Desert Gray Ceramic Wall Tile, **gloss wall tile** Rittenhouse Desert Gray Ceramic Wall Tile, **wall paint** Behr [P], **wall primer** Kilz—The Home Depot; homedepot.com (product line varies). **Counter edging** Aluminum Angle and Flat Bar Edging—Eagle Mouldings; 800/888-2044; eagle-aluminum.com. **Refrigerator** Top-Freezer Refrigerator A8RXNGFBS, **range** Electric Range with Spillsaver Ceramic Glass Upswept Cooktop AER5630BAS, **range hood** Convertible Wall-Mount Glass Canopy Hood UXW630BSS, **dishwasher** Tall Tub Dishwasher ADB1500ADS—Amana Appliances; 800/843-0304; amana.com. **Kitchen lighting** Europa BE Clear Bulb Brushed Nickel Multi-Light Pendant 2R026-91852—Lamps Plus; 800/782-1967; lampsplus.com. **Wire shelf in pantry**—Shelving.com; 800/637-9508; shelving.com. **Peninsula table** Norden Sideboard in Black, **pantry doors** Auli Sliding Doors, **barstools** Henriksdal with Backrest in Brown-Black—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Green Dutch oven**—Walmart Stores, Inc.; walmart.com. **Green leather tray**—Z Gallery; 800/358-8288; zgallery.com. **Green coffee cups**—Bachman's Floral Shop; bachmans.com. **Green water pitcher**—HomeGoods; 800/888-0776; homegoods.com. **Green art-glass vases** similar items available—Lazy Susan; lazysusan.com. **White cake plate**—homeowners' collection.



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Cabinetry, island, vent hood—custom by Donald Baker, Donald Baker Custom Built Homes, East Dennis, Massachusetts; 508/385-8222; donbakerbuilder.com. **Cooktop, dishwasher, wall ovens** Profile—GE Appliances; 800/626-2000; geappliances.com. **Refrigerator**—Jenn-Air; 800/688-1100; jennair.com. **Sink, faucet**—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. **Perimeter countertop** Corian in Bisque—DuPont Corian Solid Surfaces; 800/426-7426; corian.com. **Granite countertop on island**—Granite World, Harwich, Massachusetts; 508/430-1085; graniteworldnewengland.com. **Flooring** Antique Wide-Plank Pine—Cataumet Sawmill, East Falmouth, Massachusetts; 508/457-9239; cataumetsawmill.com. **Windows**—Andersen Windows; 800/426-4261; andersenwindows.com.



space wars

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Interior designer: Nancy Twomey, Finnian's Moon Interiors, Alexandria, Virginia; 703/836-1699; finniansmooninteriors.com. **General contractor:** Ricardo Navarro, Navarro Construction, Alexandria, Virginia; 703/740-7544. **Cabinetry, painting of cabinetry, walls, island**—Cliq Studios; 800/576-7930; cliqstudios.com. **Cabinet hardware**—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Countertop** Silestone in Altair—Cosentino USA; 800/291-1311; silestoneusa.com. **Sink**—Vigo; 866/591-7792; vigoindustries.com. **Refrigerator, microwave, range**—LG; lg.com. **Dishwasher**—Bosch; 800/944-2904; bosch-home.com/us. **Table**—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Chairs** Eames—Design Within Reach; 800/944-2233; dwr.com. **Light fixture at table**—Currey & Co., Atlanta; 678/533-1500; curreyandcompany.com. **Window treatments** custom—Finnian's Moon Interiors, Alexandria, Virginia; 703/836-1699; finniansmooninteriors.com. **Framed prints**—homeowners' vintage collection.



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Interior designer: Beth Kooby, Beth Kooby Designs, Atlanta area; 404/909-2338; bethkoobydesign@yahoo.com; bethkoobydesigns.com.

Cabinetry—And How Furniture, Atlanta; 770/492-0775; andhowfurniture.com. **Concrete countertop**—Dex Industries, Atlanta; 404/753-0600; dexindustries.com. **Sink, faucet**—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. **Mirror**—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **Sconces**—Barn Light Electric Co.; 800/407-8784; barnlightelectric.com. **Wallpaper, shower curtain** Feather in Clover Green—Serena & Lily, Inc.; 866/597-2742; serenaandlily.com. **Floor tile**—Walker Zanger; 877/611-0199; walkerzanger.com. **Shower tile**—Floor & Décor; flooranddecor.com. **Wood side table**—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com. **Planter**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com.



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Design and construction: Kim and Mark Gaynor, Living Vintage; 936/858-2875; livingvintageco.com.

Reclaimed beaded-board backsplash—Living Vintage; 936/858-2875; livingvintageco.com.

Windows—Jeld-Wen, Inc.; 800/535-3936;

jeld-wen.com. **Wax sealant over the wood**

vanity countertop—Miss Mustard Seed; missmustardseedsmilkpaint.com. **Wall paint**

Austere Gray SW6184—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P].

Wainscoting and ceiling paint Polar Bear by Behr Premium Plus Paints [P]. **smaller ceiling light**

fixture, sinks, sconces, faucets—The Home

Depot; homedepot.com. **Small cabinet on wall**—

Pandora's Box; pandorasboxantiques.com. **Mirror**—

Marburger Farm Antique Show;

roundtop-marburger.com.



expansive equation PAGES 94–97

Interior designer: Perry Walter, Walter Studio Interior Design, Decatur, Georgia; 678/665-8725; walterstudioinc.com.

Custom vanity, floating shelves—Chris Dadds, The Remodeling Source; 812/219-6771; theremodelingsource.com. **Cabinet pulls**—Moen, Inc.; 800/289-6636; moen.com. **Sinks**—Kräus USA; 800/775-0703; kraususa.com. **Faucets, shower fixtures** from the Grail Collection—Delta Faucet Co.; 800/345-3358; deltafaucet.com. **Framed mirrors**—Ronbow Corp.; 888/880-8318; ronbow.com.

Sconces Alico—Lighting Loft, Atlanta; 404/254-3286; lightingloft.com. **Tile for floor, shower, backsplash**—Specialty Tile Products, Inc., Norcross, Georgia; 770/246-9224; specialtytile.com. **Toilet**—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com.



small matters

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Architects: Amy Nowak-Palmerini, Roberto Palmerini, Roam Design, Rockland and Westchester Counties, New York; 845/267-8479; amy@roamdesignllc.com; roamdesignllc.com.

Wall paint Pear Green—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Vanity** Red Oak in Ebony stain by Aldo Palmerini, **mirror**—homeowners' collection. **Cabinet bar pulls** Successi—Atlas Homewares; 800/799-6755; atlashomewares.com. **Faucet** Metris S in Polished Chrome, **shower valves and controls** Raindance S Wall Bar in polished chrome—Hansgrohe; 800/334-0455; hansgrohe-usa.com. **Sink** Fiorella in White by Empire Industries—through Grande Central Showroom Rockland, Spring Valley, New York; 845/573-0080. **Toilet** Clean White, **tub** Princeton in White—American Standard; 800/899-2614; americanstandard-us.com. **Floor tile** Burlington Gray by Colli, **wall tile** Modern Dimensions in Arctic White by Daltile, **metal trim** in Polished Chrome by Schluter, **glass tile accent** Mixed Strips in Glacier by Essence—through Wayne Tile Co.; waynetile.com. **Sconce** Saber LED in Etched Opal Glass with Chrome Trim—George Kovacs Lighting, a division of the Minka Group; 800/221-7977; minkagroup.net. **Shower curtain** City Scene Perry Ellis Asian Lily—All Modern; 800/615-9703; allmodern.com. **Shower curtain rod** Cambridge Adjustable Curved Double Rod in Chrome—Zenith Products Corp.; zenith-products.com. **Window shade**—IKEA; ikea-usa.com.



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Tile, faucet Elizabethan Classics—The Home Depot; homedepot.com. **Shower door**—Glass Doctor, Nashville; 615/254-8874. **Shelf above toilet**—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com. **Vanity** Westwood—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Framed artwork** from the Bird Collection—Lesley Patterson Marx; lesleypattersonmarx.com. **Wall paint** Mint Condition SW6743—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Vintage hooks for bath towel** painted after purchase—Preservation Station, Nashville; 615/292-3595; thepreservationstation.com. **Hand towel hook, pink soap bowl, pink glass, bars of soap on shelf**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Products in shower niche, perfumes on black tray**—Woo Skincare and Cosmetics, Nashville; 615/383-2170; wooskincareandcosmetics.com. **All towels**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies). **White canisters, round pink soap, bath mat**—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com. **Black tray**—T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; tjmaxx.com (product line varies).



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CHEVRON CRAZE

An imperfect chevron-pattern wallpaper adds a modern touch to a basic bath.



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GOLD RUSH

We can't resist this brushed gold-tone hardware, *left*.



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Go bold with a red cage pendant light fixture, *left*, to add a punch of color and style.

CLASSIC STYLE

A Craigslist find, this armoire, *below*, proves quality craftsmanship never goes out of style.



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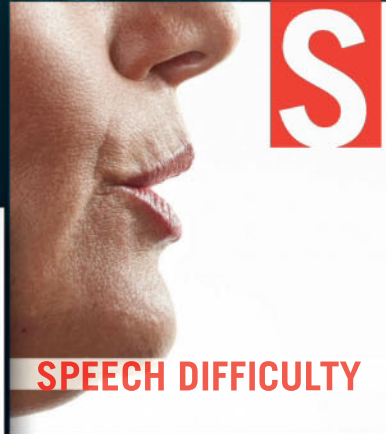


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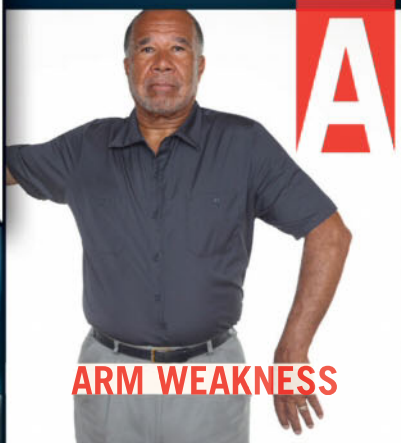
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